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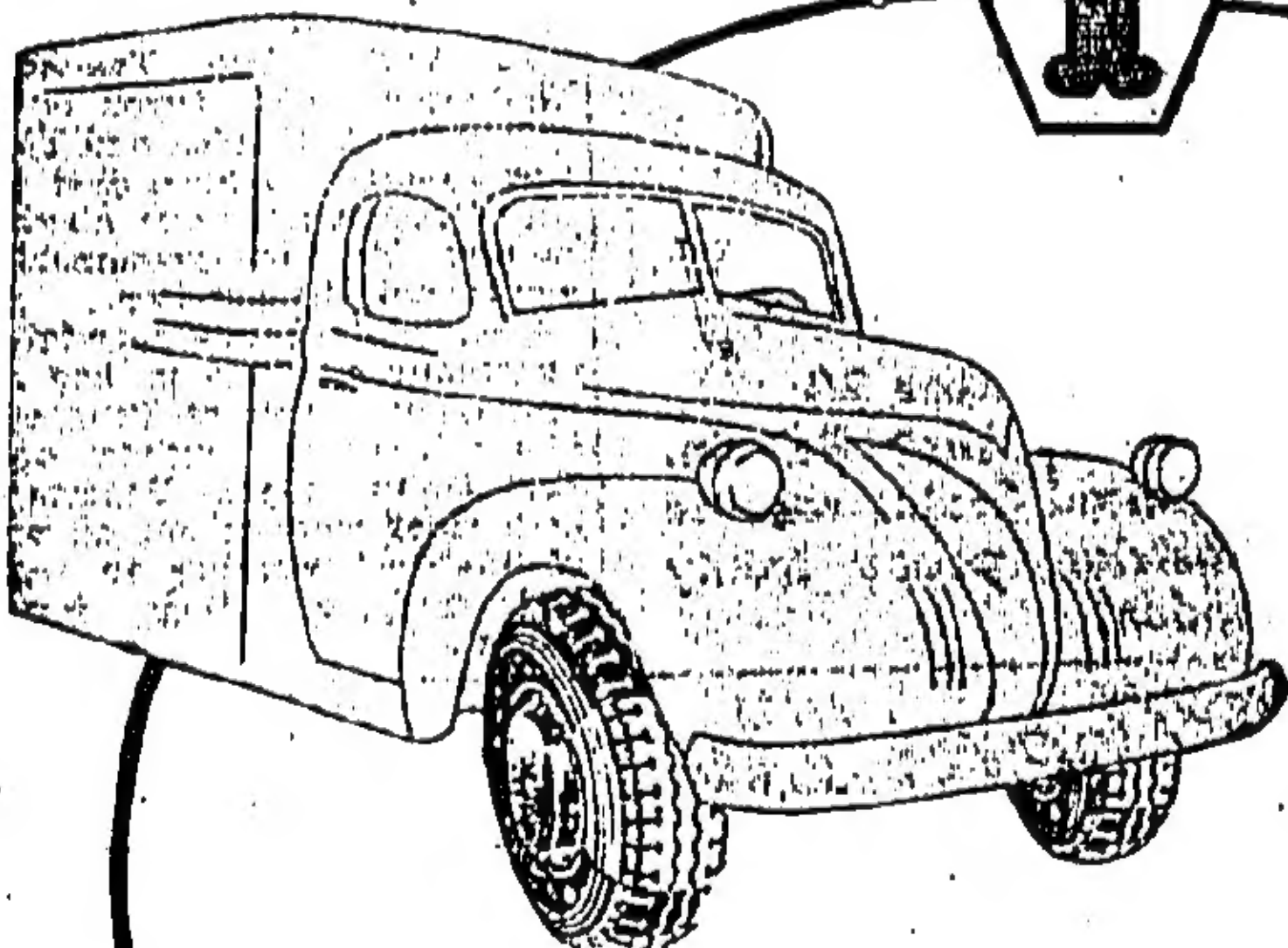
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AMAZING VARIETY OF GOODS AT EXHIBITION

Amazement at the variety of goods being made in Hong Kong was expressed by several foreign official trade representatives and commercial experts in interviews with the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

Mr. R. E. Jobez, Consul for France, said that Hong Kong manufacturers should take part in exhibitions abroad. Their wares should be displayed to the world, commented Mr. E. Hims-worth, Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Mr. J. B. Kite said frankly that if the exhibition in Kowloon is purely for retail trade, it is a great waste. "It is necessary to take your goods right to the door of the buyer," he added, stressing the importance of publicity abroad.

The Hong Kong Products Exhibition, sponsored by the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, enters its 11th day today. Since its opening on December 10 by the Governor, it has been attended by record crowds. One day last week, an estimated 40,000 people visited the exhibition.

Mr. U. Tat Chee, Vice-President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, said yesterday that the total number of visitors to the exhibition up to December 23 was 201,000. He added that the average daily sales were between HK\$100,000 and HK\$200,000.

Orders From Abroad

Mr. U. Tat Chee said that in addition to local sales, many orders have been received from abroad by individual factories. January 2 is the last day of the Exhibition.

The Exhibition is an act of faith in the quality of Hong Kong's industries; faith in the future that whatever competition may be met from overseas, the Hong Kong industrialist will overcome any obstacles which he may have to meet, said Mr. E. Hims-worth, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, to the "Sunday Herald."

He added: "I hope that the success of the Exhibition will inspire Hong Kong manufacturers to take the next step, which is to exhibit at the British Industries Fair, Hong Kong manufacturers have been displaying their wares to the Far East. The next step is to display them to the world."

Mr. R. E. Jobez, French Consul at Hong Kong, said that apart from the attractive way in which the products are displayed, and the ingenuity of the show windows, he thought that the efforts of local manufacturers deserve very high praise.

"It has been a surprise to many people to see that Hong Kong's industrialists are producing some comparatively new things such as bakelite ware and plastic goods," added Mr. Jobez.

New Developments

The French Consul said that visitors were amazed by the development of such industries as enamelware, flashlights, thermos flasks and rubber shoes which, before the war, used to come in all Asiatic markets.

In order to reach foreign buyers, the Hong Kong manufacturers should also take part in exhibitions in other places and it is to be hoped that they will do so with due credit, added Mr. Jobez.

He said: "The amount of effort put up to prepare and arrange this exhibition is an undertaking worthy of the highest consideration, and if it is not too great a burden on the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, it would be a very valuable addition to trade if the Hong Kong fair could be a regular event."

"But although the variety of things displayed was very great, I think that some sections were expected to be seen in this exhibition in the line of fine arts for which Chinese workmanship is already known such as carvings, paintings and silk embroidery."

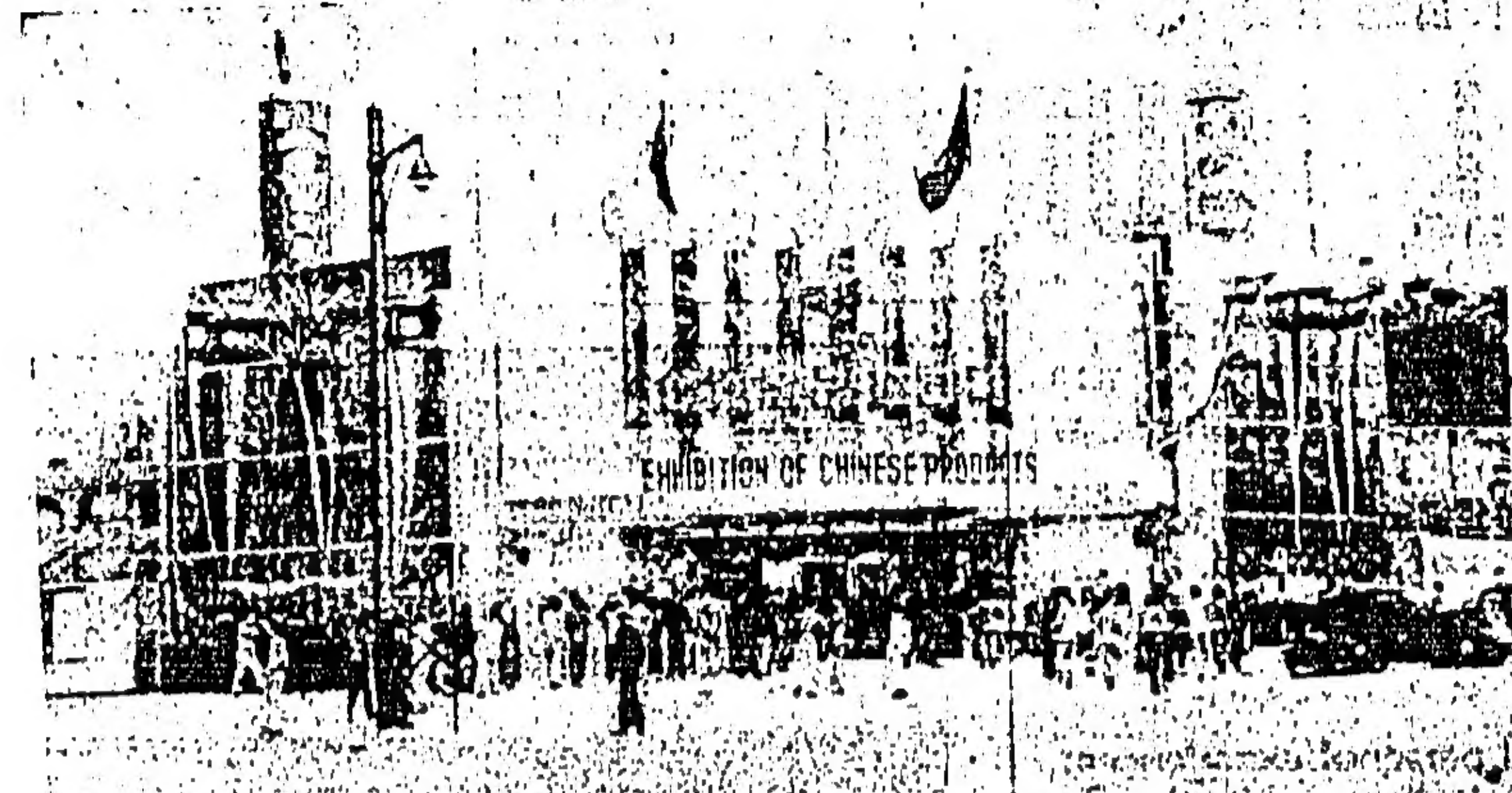
Describing the Exhibition as a comprehensive representation of Hong Kong industry, Mr. W. P. Montgomery, United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, said he was certain that it will result in larger trade for manufacturers whose enterprise he commended.

Mr. Montgomery added: "I was struck by the large range of goods produced in the Colony. Many of them are quite good, and I think the prospects are very encouraging."

Experience Gained
Mr. Montgomery referred to the British Industries Fair next year, in which Hong Kong would take a bigger part than she did this year. He said he is sure that the experience gained for the present exhibition will be of great help to Hong Kong manufacturers at the BIF.

"I understand that a number of buying commissions from abroad are here looking over the exhibition," said Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. R. H. Hunt, Economic Consul for the United States,



The glittering facade of the Exhibition of Chinese Products which has been drawing large crowds every day.

said he was impressed by the number and quality of the exhibits. The display of what Hong Kong factories had to offer would undoubtedly boost exports. "I have visited parts of the world, and I think this one in Hong Kong is very good, and holds out considerable promise," said Mr. Hunt.

Mr. S. Bunnag, Siamese Consul at Hong Kong, said that he just had a quick look at the Exhibition last week as he was very busy. "I am planning to go again this week to obtain a better picture with a view to improving trade between Hong Kong and Siam," he added.

"I was, indeed, surprised at the variety of goods that Hong Kong is producing," said Mr. Bunnag.

Reason For Pride

The Consul for the Philippines, Mr. C. Tiburcio Baja, commented: "The show is a fine thing. I wish to say that I was very much impressed by what I saw. Considering the size of Hong Kong, and the abundant variety of Hong Kong have every reason to be proud of their industries."

Mr. Bunnag added: "It was certainly an eye-opener to me. It should be run every year and the people made aware of what is going on in the Colony in the field of industry."

Mr. J. B. Kite, Secretary of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, said the Exhibition represented a very remarkable effort on the part of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union.

"I think the window dressing of the show is very good, but not all that is desired," added Mr. Kite. He said it could be made much more appealing. The Amoy Canning Company displayed their wares to much better advantage in this respect than most of the other exhibitors.

Mr. Kite also said there had not been sufficient publicity outside of Hong Kong. Since the Exhibition was aimed primarily at getting export orders, there should have been more advance publicity abroad.

"It is a big sum of money they are spending on the Exhibition. If it is purely for the local retail trade, then it is a great waste," he said.

Right To The Door

An exhibition of this kind is, of course, bound to help export trade, but sometimes it may be necessary to take your goods right to the door of the buyer, said Mr. Kite.

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tor of the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry, said the Exhibition is a demonstration of co-operation among local industrialists.

He said he was impressed by the exhibition itself and by the big advance in Hong Kong industry that it revealed. Mr. Cheuk-hung, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, declined to comment on the Exhibition when approached by the "Sunday Herald."

Red Regions

Moscow, December 25. The Communist parties of the world now claim a membership of 23,000,000. That figure is printed in the Journal "Economic Questions." It says 600,000,000 persons "have freed themselves from the yoke of imperialism." This latter figure is apparently based on the population of the Soviet Union, several countries in Eastern Europe, Northern Korea, Northern China and the Mongolian People's Republic.

"Five hundred million people have freed themselves from the yoke of imperialism," says the magazine. "This is the chief constituent fact of a new state in the general crisis of Capitalism."

CAT Pilots Have Bleak, Busy Xmas

Shanghai, December 25. American pilots of General Chennault's commercial airline CAT celebrated Christmas by stopping-up relief missions to isolated Nationalist strongholds North of the Yangtze.

And they flew in the face of one of the worst spells of bad weather to blanket the country. Pilots returning to mist-shrouded Shanghai reported weather conditions the same and worse at Tsingtao, Tientsin Peiping and Taiyuan.

CAT started landing on Tientsin's newly-built race course airstrip on December 22. An airline official reported full loads of passengers being taken both in and out of this isolated Nationalist commercial centre in North China in three daily flights.

It is difficult to hazard a guess why so many people are eager to get into Tientsin, whose ultimate fall to the Chinese Communists is generally regarded to be a matter of time. Presumably they comprise residents of Tientsin who were caught out of town when the city was isolated and want to return to clean up affairs.

Negotiations

One pilot returning from Tientsin reported that the Nationalists are sandbagging the whole city, but that the area around it is too quiet—"there's something fishy going on," he said. (The general belief in North China is the press jull in the fighting is due to protracted negotiations for an understanding of settlement of military differences).

CAT also reported they stepped up air-drops of rice to Taiyuan, isolated Shanai capital of the warlord, General Yen Hsueh-an.

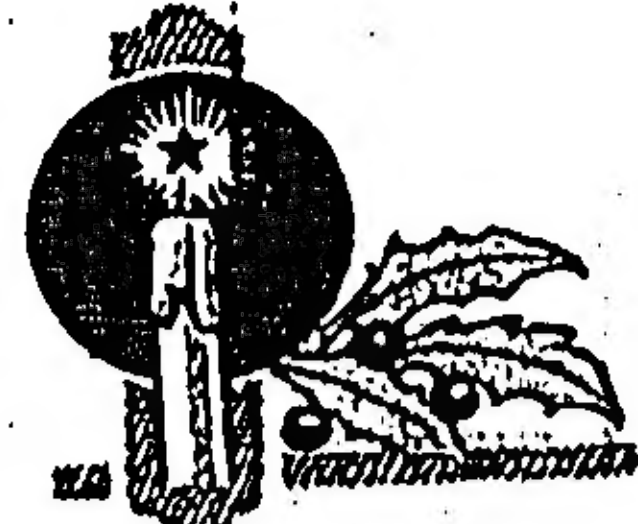
Thirty air-drops a day are now carried out from Tsingtao, 450 miles away on the coast of Shantung. A pilot who just got in from Tsingtao, said the ceiling there was 200 feet. In Shanghai, it has been 600 at best in the past few days, dropping lower periodically.

CAT also reported they were trying air-drops to Nationalist troops just North of Peiping but could give no further details of this mission.

No Plane Missing

Regarding the newly-opened Tientsin operation, a CAT official said the air strip adjoining the race course was too short and narrow to permit anything but C-47s to land. But CAT already has landed and set up personnel, equipment and a radio station there. No other commercial airline in China has so far resumed operations into Tientsin.

Meanwhile, CAT officials here deny a report carried by two Chinese newspapers this morning that one of Chennault's planes crashed in the fog near Foochow in Fukien Province. A check of CAT fields in China showed all planes were safe and accounted for. (CNAC and CATS)



A Christmas Message

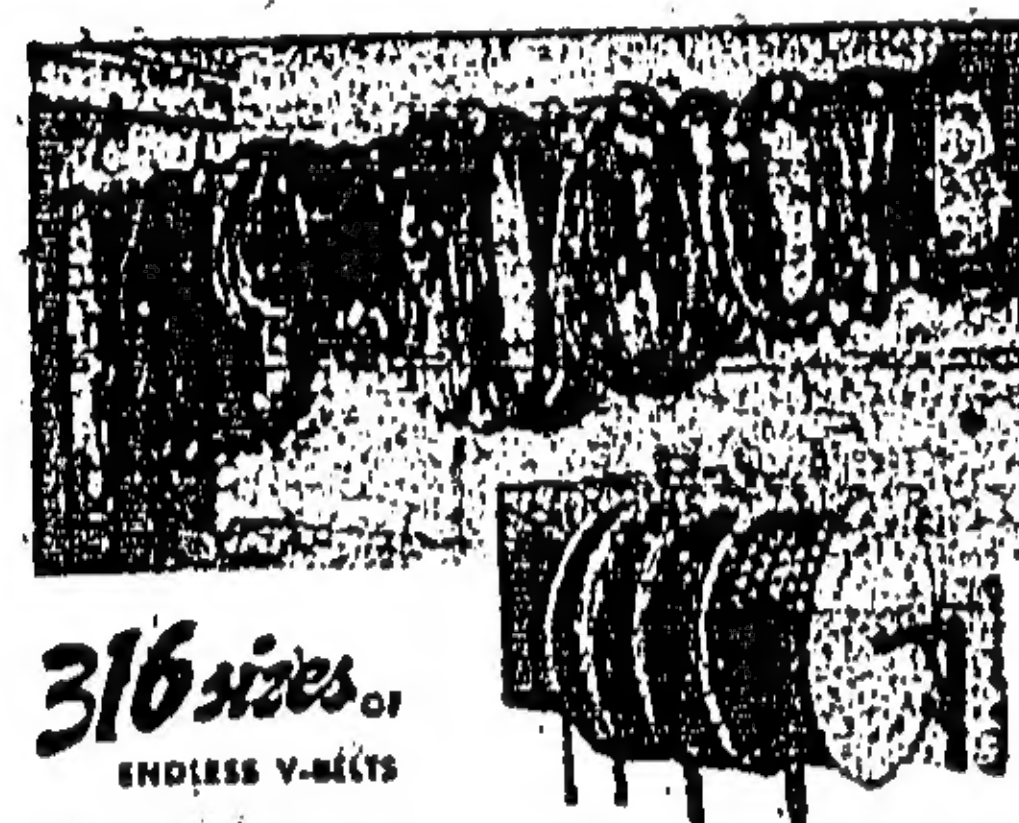
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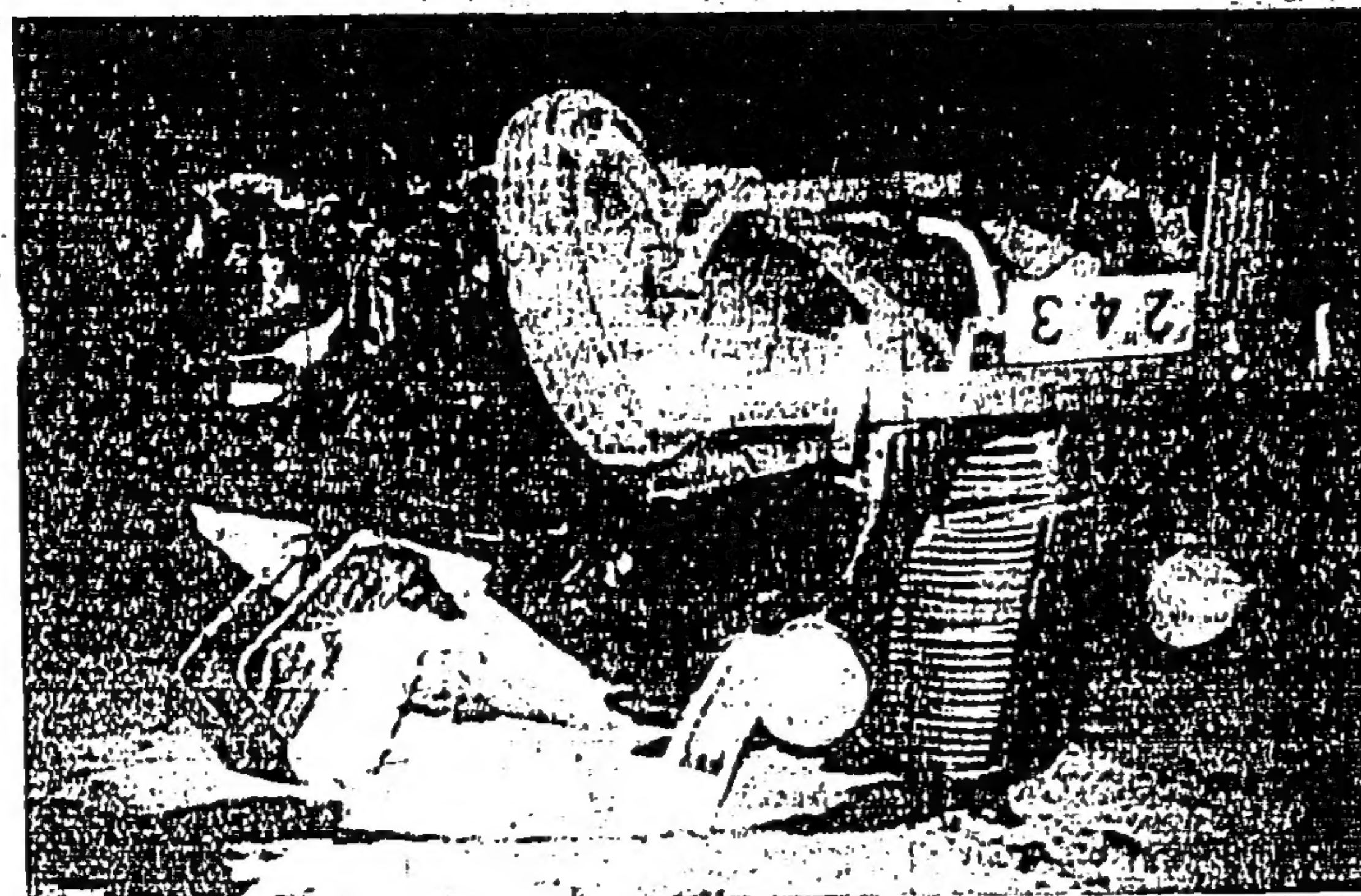
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Car No. 243 lies inverted and badly smashed on King's Road after a collision which occurred late on Christmas Eve.

Francis Wu Honoured In Photo Salon

Francis Wu, well known local photographer, has been awarded the only gold medal in the Amsterdam (Netherlands) 8th International Salon. Mr. Wu submitted four prints for the exhibition. All won awards: a grand prize, a first, a second and a fifth prize. This is the first time in photographic history that one entrant gained such a high honour. The photos were published in the "Focus" magazine and are now in a travelling exhibition in all parts of Netherlands. "Old Dutch Delicacies" is the picture that captured the grand prize. It is a character study of a couple enjoying a cigarette butt of a foreign brand which he picked up.

CZECHS WANT PEACE

Prague, December 24. The Premier, M. Antonin Zaprtocky, in his Christmas message to the Czech people tonight, said: "The people's democracies need peace and tranquillity to build up new values, in order to secure a high cultural standard and a high standard of living for their people."

Speaking of the events of the year, the Premier said: "We did not retreat in the face of difficulties, and we had the firm will to overcome them by our own efforts. We have overcome the catastrophic sequel of the bad harvest, and we are step by step increasing our rations, keeping in mind that all improvements once introduced should remain permanent."—Reuter.

Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. d'Almada Remedios celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary today. Mr. d'Almada Remedios is a well known local solicitor of d'Almada Remedios and Company.

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Chen Li-Fu Sounds Warning To America

Nanking, December 24.

Dr. Chen Li-fu, who for 20 years has been one of the most influential men in Chinese official circles and who is one of the policy-making ministers without portfolio in the present new war cabinet, today sounded a warning to the United States that a Communist-dominated China would be a blow that would mean a loss in the "cold war" against Communism.

The retiring Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan told the United Press in an exclusive interview that although the situation facing the government is serious it is still not too late for Americans to give enough help to stem the tide of Communist progress.

"We understand the difficulties the United States is facing," he said, "but we think the people of America must pay more attention to China. Let China fall completely to Communism and it would be a serious blow to the United States."

Dr. Chen said: "Sympathy and altruism are great opponents of Communism while indifference and disregard are factors which help Communism grow. That is why the Marshall plan was vitiated by statesmen and is now being carried out in Europe. However, if America today should let one-fifth of the world's population come under Communist tyranny, they will give their posterity a lesson which will bring the Communists to spread in the United States."

"We realise that pretty late but there is still time," said Dr. Chen, adding that Communism can be fought, and not necessarily by war but by peaceful methods.

One peaceful step that could be taken, he said, not only in China but all parts of the world, would be for Americans to educate their own people and others on the true character of Communism.

"Christian religion," Dr. Chen said, "teaches people not to give up hope or despair when things are darkest. If the rest of the world could be brought to realise that China is not fighting a civil war but is fighting for her independence and for the prevention of another world war, the spirit of Christianity could go very far in convincing the rest of the world of our need of help."

He referred to the dark days that preceded the victory of the American colonies in their war of independence and reminded Americans that a foreigner—Lafayette—came to their aid in their darkest hour although victory also was due to George Washington's undaunted spirit and his ability in organising the last resistance.

China's History

Dr. Chen cited Nationalist China's long revolutionary history, which has seen one crisis after another, several of which, he said, were more serious than the present. The Japanese war of aggression was one.

The halting of American aid because of military setbacks to date, he said, would be unfair to China. Dr. Chen referred to the help the United States gave France after her collapse the Germans. China, he said, is now in the shape France found herself after the Maginot Line was breached.

Dr. Chen said the new war cabinet must work hard for all necessary reforms. It has hopes of rallying public opinion both in China and abroad to support the government, and that many of the conditions that have caused some influential individuals in America to counsel cessation of aid to China will be eliminated.

Dr. Chen feels that talk of a negotiated peace was premature. He said there must be one of three conditions to come into existence in such a case. Either the Chinese side in the conflict, or some third party, must make the initial approach.

"Up to the present I have not yet seen such a possibility," he said. Asked about the report that a certain "foreign embassy" in Nanking had approached the Government on an "informal" unofficial basis with the suggestion that the

Big Four—Britain, United States, France and the Soviet Union—jointly mediate in peace negotiations, Dr. Chen said he had no information about it.

He added he was not in a position to say what would be the reaction of the new Government toward such a proposal as he did not attend yesterday's inaugural cabinet meeting. He explained his resignation as Vice President of the Legislative Yuan has not yet been accepted by that body and, therefore, he felt he was not yet in a position to attend the cabinet meetings.

(The Legislative Yuan formally accepted Dr. Chen's resignation today).—United Press.

BRITONS KEEN ON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

London, December 25.

The entire British people will take part in Municipal elections and most voters will be able to vote twice within six weeks.

The first time will be for the county councils between April 5 and April 9 and the second for the borough councils between May 9 and May 14.

Optimists in the Labour Party believe the "trend towards the moderate left" in the United States will be followed by a similar tendency in the British elections. According to a more generally held view, however, there is no interdependence between American and British internal developments.

Both Abbey House, the Conservative Party headquarters, and Transport House, the Labour Party headquarters, are working at high pressure to prepare for the local elections.

Both sides realise that the party which wins has a good chance of carrying the general elections of 1950.

The two party headquarters are compiling propaganda materials, issuing instructions to their propagandists and reorganising their local party organisations in accordance with the new boundaries of the parliamentary constituencies.

Although the forthcoming elections are described as "local" ones, it is clear that the electoral propaganda will turn around such big national issues as nationalisation and the national health act.

Both parties are accusing each other, already in the present preliminary stage of the campaign of dragging national problems into the elections and thus showing contempt of local government.

Issues Set Forth
The Conservative Party will challenge the Labour Party over the alleged "centralisation of local government functions" which, in the Conservative view, is implied in the Socialist legislation.

No Happy Xmas For These Four

In a collision between two Hillman saloons in King's Road, near the Commercial-Printing Press, on Christmas Eve, four persons were injured, one of them seriously.

The accident occurred shortly after 10.30 p.m. when car No. 243, driving West to East, ran into car No. 245, and overturned. Car No. 245 was badly damaged.

Wong Wing, the learner-driver of No. 243, was seriously injured. Lo Chi-chu and two other passengers in his car, received only slight injuries. All were taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

Reminders

Today

International Charity Cup Soccer Match, England versus Portugal, Club ground, 3.30 p.m.

Polo & Hunt Club paper chase New Territories, assembling at Bee's Stables, 12 noon.

Recrolo Children's Party, King's King's Park, 1.30 p.m.

Special Tea Dance, Repulse Bay Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances, Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel.

Exhibition of French Paintings, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel.

Lecture on "Advent-Historical" by E. B. Brasler-Craugh, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

Memorial Service at Stanley Military Cemetery, 3 p.m.

Annual Married vs. Single Cricket Match, Craigengower Cricket Club, 11 a.m.

Coming Events

League Soccer matches, Ordinance Service, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

Exhibition of French Paintings and Woodcuts, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

H.K. Rotary Club, closed meeting, Roof Garden H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

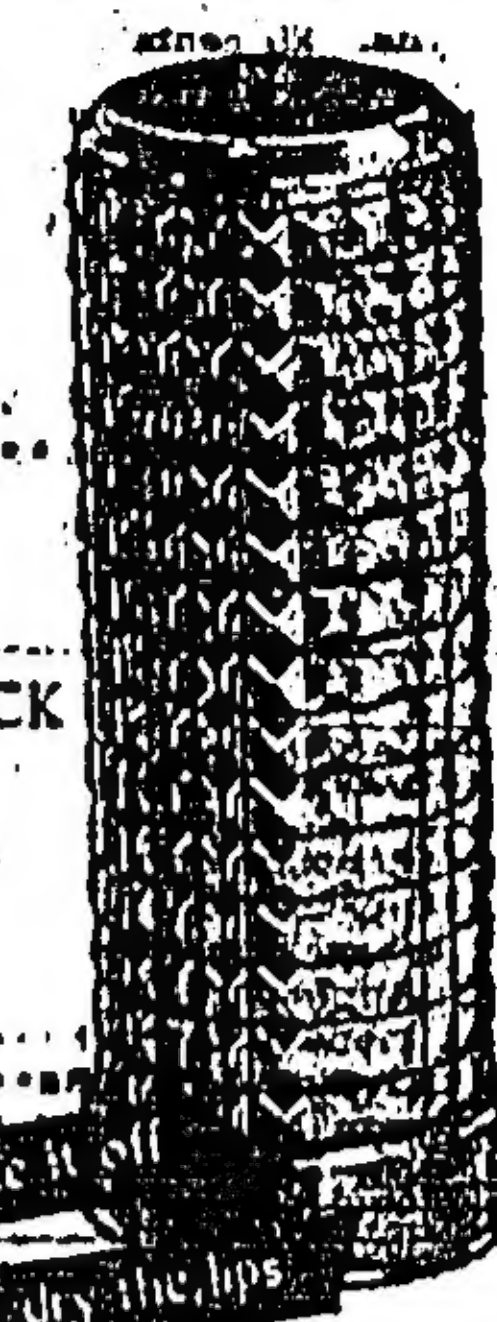
Kowloon Tong Gr Garden Association, annual meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Portuguese Institute, talk on "The History of Cultural Relations Between China and the West" by Prof. Ph. d. Vargas, Lusitano, 5.30 p.m.

Oakland, December 25. Forty-eight Canadian national-arrived by Trans-Ocean Airlines yesterday from war-torn China on their way to Vancouver. Associated Press.

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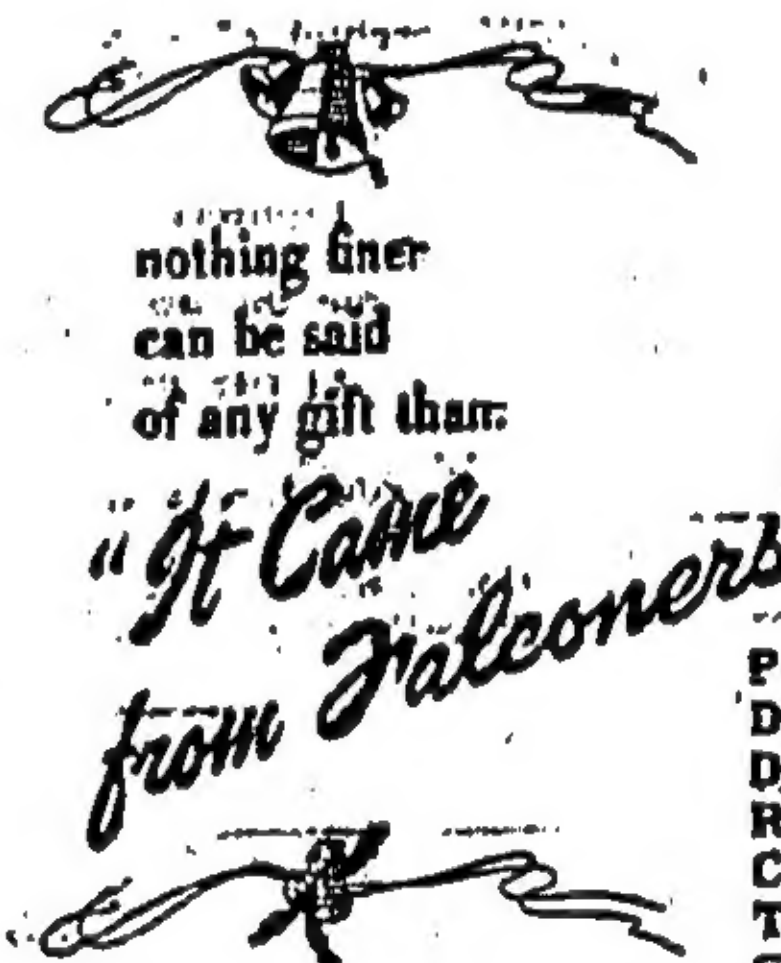
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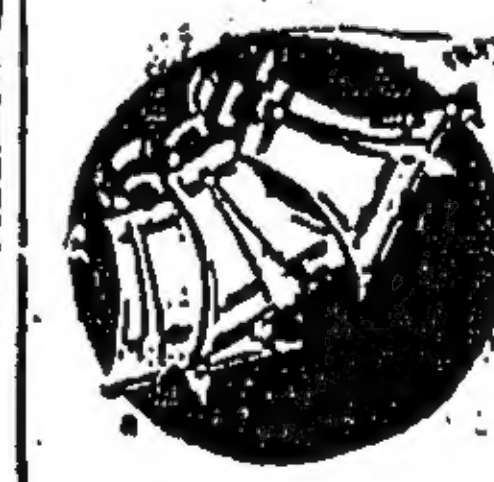
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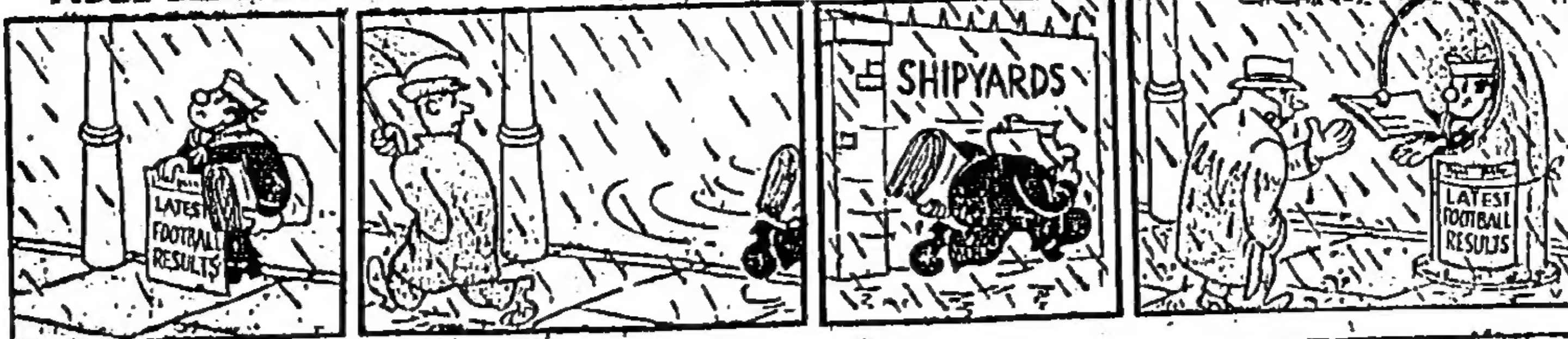
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CAN YOU SPEAK RUSSIAN?

Geoffrey Barker

New York.

Old jokes about the sergeant-major are being revived in the United States music halls as the 10,000 young American bachelors now being drafted into the Army every month have begun to make khaki a familiar colour in the streets again.

Draftees begin with 13 weeks' basic training after the same pattern as Britain. This is followed by intensive infantry and tank training with the latest weapons developed since World War 2.

One reason for approval of the draft in America was the careful screening which eliminated married men, aliens, ex-Servicemen, etc. and left only foot-loose youngsters whose age groups have been widely responsible for the crime increase in the country.

Americans remembering the sobering experience of their own in the Army, generally agree that "it will do the kids good."

Atomic energy work is generally barred to draftees while it remains under civilian control. But one question asked of every recruit by the draft boards is "Can you speak Russian?"

No-Tank Army

James White

Copenhagen. Danish conscripts are called to the colours at the age of 18. Ten months later they return to civilian life with their military training completed—unless they serve in the Life Guards or the Danish Brigade in Germany, when the period of training is 11½ months.

"Jens" receives little technical training, for his country has no heavy A.A. batteries, no predictors and flight indicators, practically no Radar on land, no tank units.

Ten months' service—the first six taken up with basic recruit training—leaves no time for

collective training. The more internationally-minded Danes (there are not many of them) and the General Staff do not feel that Danish military training is adequate. They deplore Denmark's lack of equipment but they find themselves up against political opposition, mainly Socialist.

Think It Perfect

Hugo Kuranda

Zurich. There is not the slightest doubt in the minds of the Swiss people that theirs is a perfect conscript service, through which this small country (population 4,000,000) is today able to boast the Continent's largest trained army, outside the Soviet Union, numbering 600,000.

At 20 a Swiss must join a "recruits school" for 118 days, and then annually until he is 28 must undergo a three-week tough "repetition course," where he is taught the latest tactics and the use of the most modern weapons.

If he wishes, and if he is considered qualified, to become a non-commissioned officer, he must serve an extra four months in his second year, and still a further four months in order to become an officer, for which the passing out test is most severe. After 28, until 48, the annual repetition course is reduced to one week, and after 48 it is waived altogether, though in the case of an emergency (not necessarily war) all may be mobilised for an unlimited period. With a small, bomber-less Air Force the Army's strength is ground defences, also, its specialties in mountain warfare, at which the Swiss justly consider themselves to be masters.

Sport Spoiled

Edward Howe

Istanbul. Making a soldier of the average peasant citizen of Turkey in the old days was a quick, simple affair. He was given a rifle and bayonet and his fiery spirit did the rest. He became a soldier sufficient for Turkey's needs in next to no time.

Now modern inventions have come to spoil his sport and tire his country-bred brain with mechanical devices of the devil. The British are largely responsible for this, because for many years they have undertaken training and instruction for the Turkish Army in modern weapons.

But many of Turkey's peasant Army have had to forsake the familiar animals of their home farmyard and learn to drive a tank or a motor vehicle. This mechanised military training is a wonderful thing for the peasants, because it teaches them what a motor tractor can do to their home fields.

Mechanising the armed forces in Turkey is the preliminary to a mechanised land army that will plough the land quicker and better.

In The Open Air

French people consider their military training system to be one of the best in the world.

Following the introduction into French Army training camps of the latest military equipment of the 21-year-old French conscript is a tough fighter who he has finished his 12 months' service.

A conscript called into the Army when 20 years of age is automatically directed to the training suited to his abilities and education by the Army mechanographical service.

Most French conscripts go to the new "light camps" in the country where they live in the open air all the year round. These were started by General de Lattre de Tassigny.

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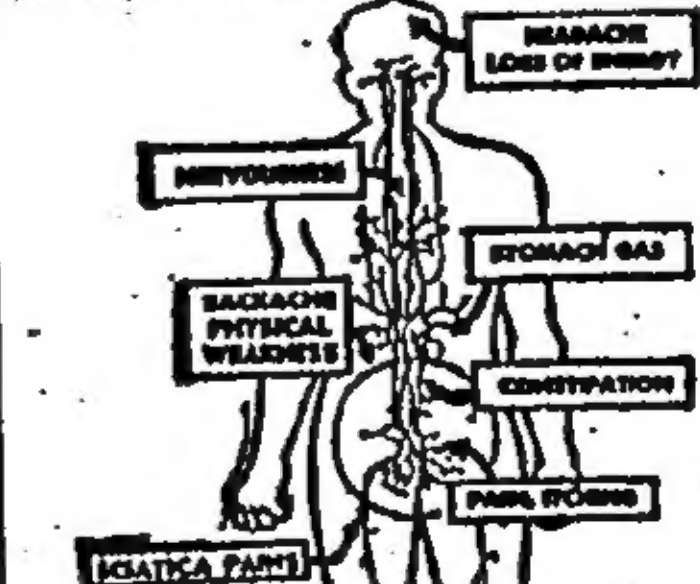
Washington, December 24.

Marshall Plan funds up to \$100,000 will be used for the distribution of the contents of the New York Herald Tribune in the Anglo-American Zone of Germany, the Economic Co-operation Administration said today.

A contract signed today by the publishers and Mr. Paul man, the ECA Administrator, provided for the money to be used to guarantee the transferability into dollars of German mark circulation receipts until March 1, 1949. The publisher, plan to distribute 40,000 copies of the newspaper, which is published in Paris.—Reuter.

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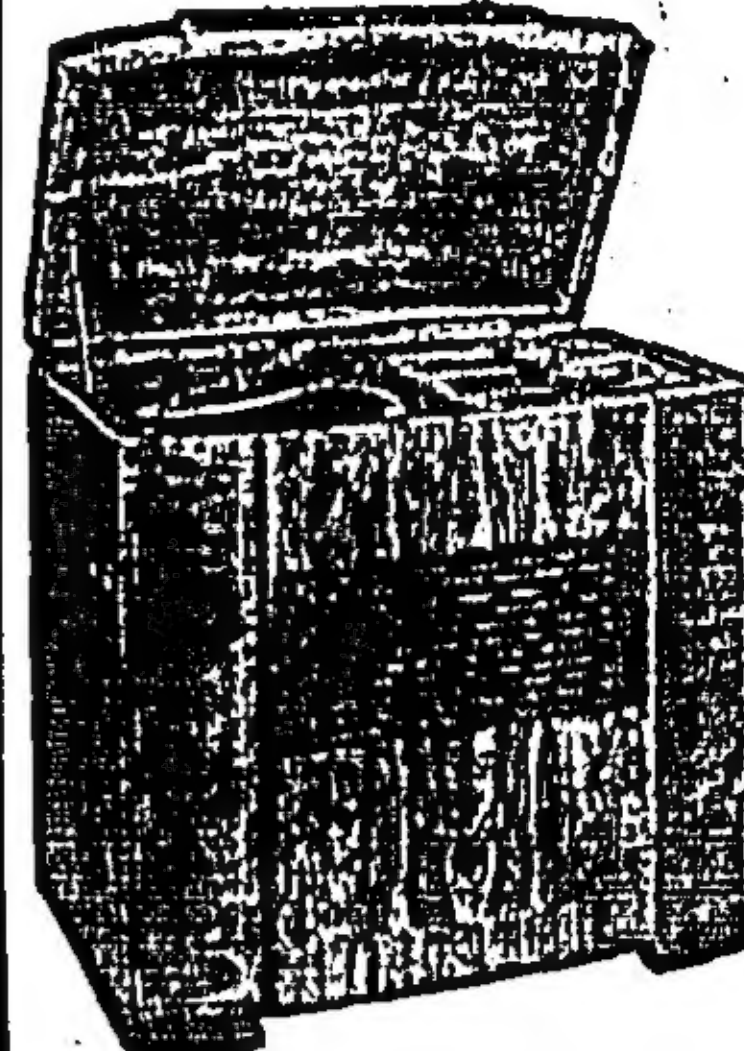
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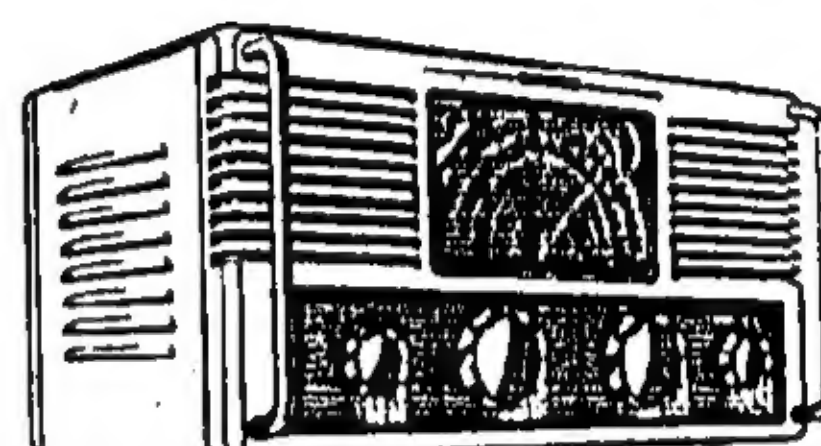
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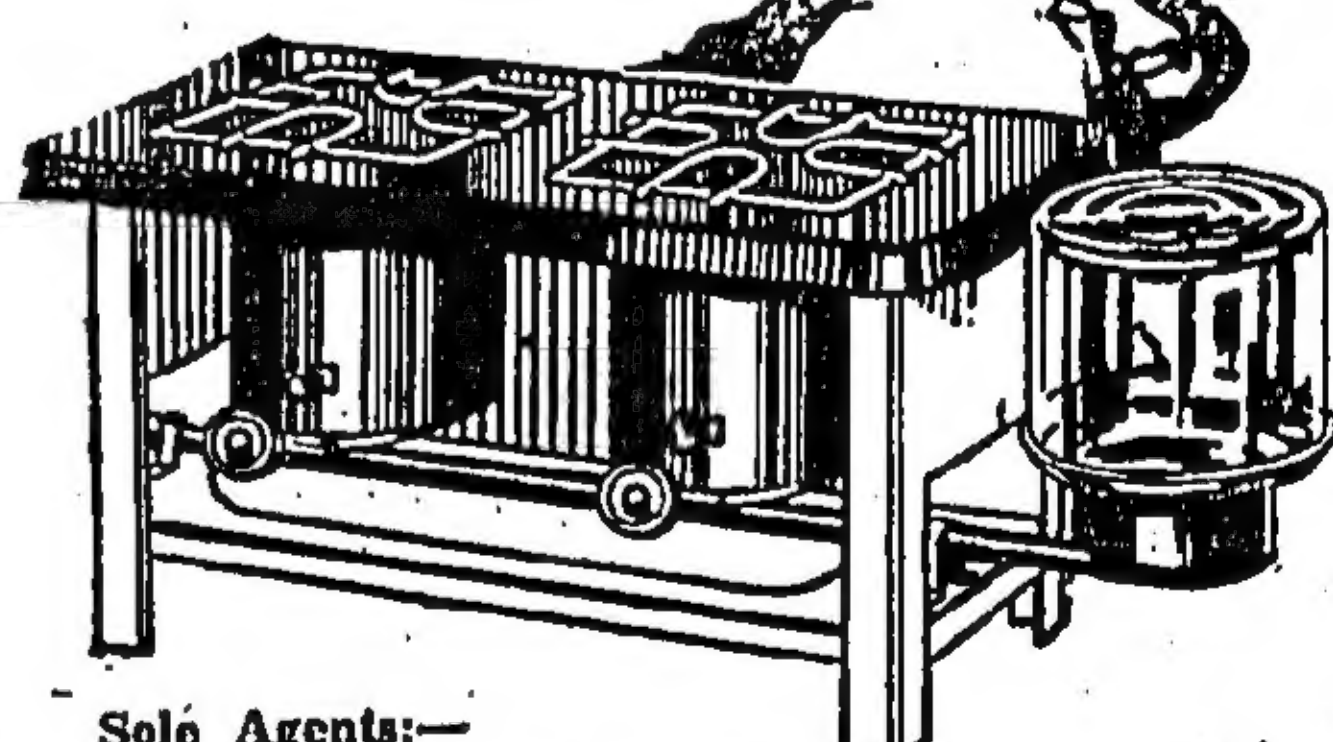
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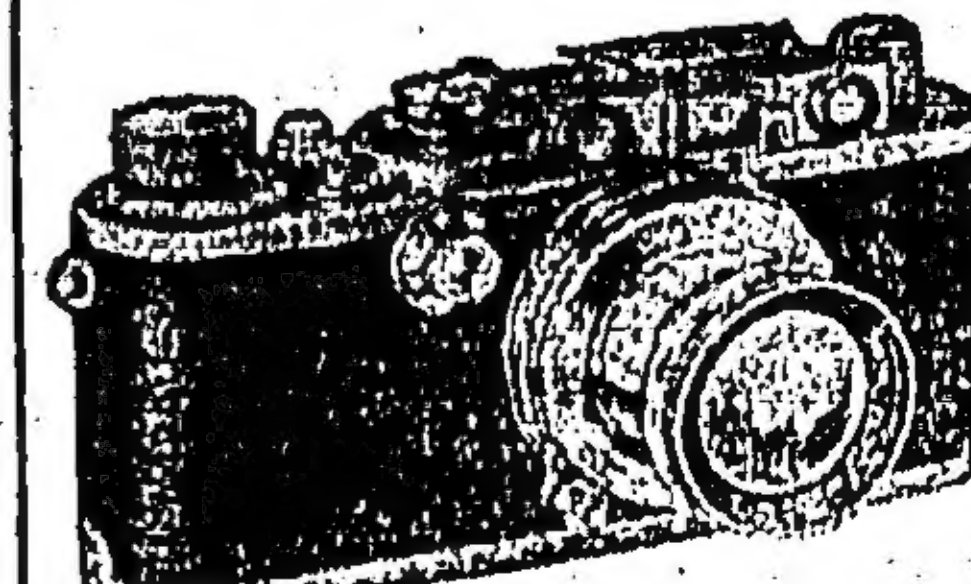
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SOUTH AFRICA FACES ANOTHER CRISIS

By
Noel Monks

In the space of 72 hours South Africa's political brew simmered, bubbled, and almost boiled over. The speech of one leader, the reply of another, and the sudden death of a third created a "cold crisis" pregnant with queries, but with not one definite answer.

A general election next year, the break-up of the present Coalition Government, disintegration of Smuts' United Party, a Smuts-Havenga alliance—these are the possibilities.

Finance Minister Havenga, leading the small Afrikaner Party in Malan's Government, turned on the heat by stating he would oppose the whittling down of non-European political rights without a clear and unequivocal expression of the will of the people.

Three To Go

He doesn't think the present Government's majority of four represents that will. But Premier Malan, the Nationalist Party leader, has already committed himself deeply to the immediate removal of the three European representatives of natives in the House of Assembly on the placing of coloured voters on a communal roll.

On Friday night, therefore, Malan replied to Havenga that the Government would fight the provincial elections in March on the Nationalist colour policy of Apartheid (separate development of the white and black races).

Malan considers these elections will serve to express the will of the people and thus satisfy Havenga's conscience. The Premier maintains that with this mandate in its pocket the Government would be justified in unending by a simple majority the entrenched clauses of the Constitution which safeguard non-European political rights.

Legally there is no obstacle, says Malan, and therefore Havenga's acceptance of an adequate majority stipulated in the Constitution is in order.

Malan thus brought the political pot to the bubble. Many people reckon that Havenga will insist that a much larger Parliamentary majority than the Government's present one is necessary before he will agree to the elimination of native representation.

There lies the potential deadlock, which could be broken only by a general election. Three hours after the issue of

Malan's reply Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr, the natural successor to Smuts as leader of the Conservative United Party, the nation's most brilliant scholar and South

Africa's "problem politician," died unexpectedly from a blood clot on the brain. Every Nationalist and many United Party supporters attributed

Since the Boer War South African Finance Minister Nicolaas Havenga's loyalty to his comrade-in-arms General Hertzog's stick-to-the-Constitution principles has been as permanent as his 11 British bullet scars.

Though he lost Hertzog's Government £50,000,000 in 1932 by refusing to leave the Gold Standard, Havenga supported his anti-Smuts, anti-war stand in 1939.

The only member of Dr. Malan's all-Afrikaner Cabinet to have fought the British, he enjoys increasing support from English-speaking South Africans. Abrupt and solemn Havenga is abstemious, but quickly angered by criticism.

A big man, he cuts a striking figure in Parliament—in spite of a squawky voice. Whenever he makes a speech his second wife—the sister of his first—sits patiently in the gallery. She has no children to keep her at home.

ed-Smuts' defeat to Hofmeyr's liberal views on the native question.

The Nationalist Party plugged the Hofmeyr bog with enormous success in the general election, and they were determined to plug it again at the provincial elections.

Weapon Lost

Nothing scares the average South African voter more than the threat of near-equal rights for whites and blacks.

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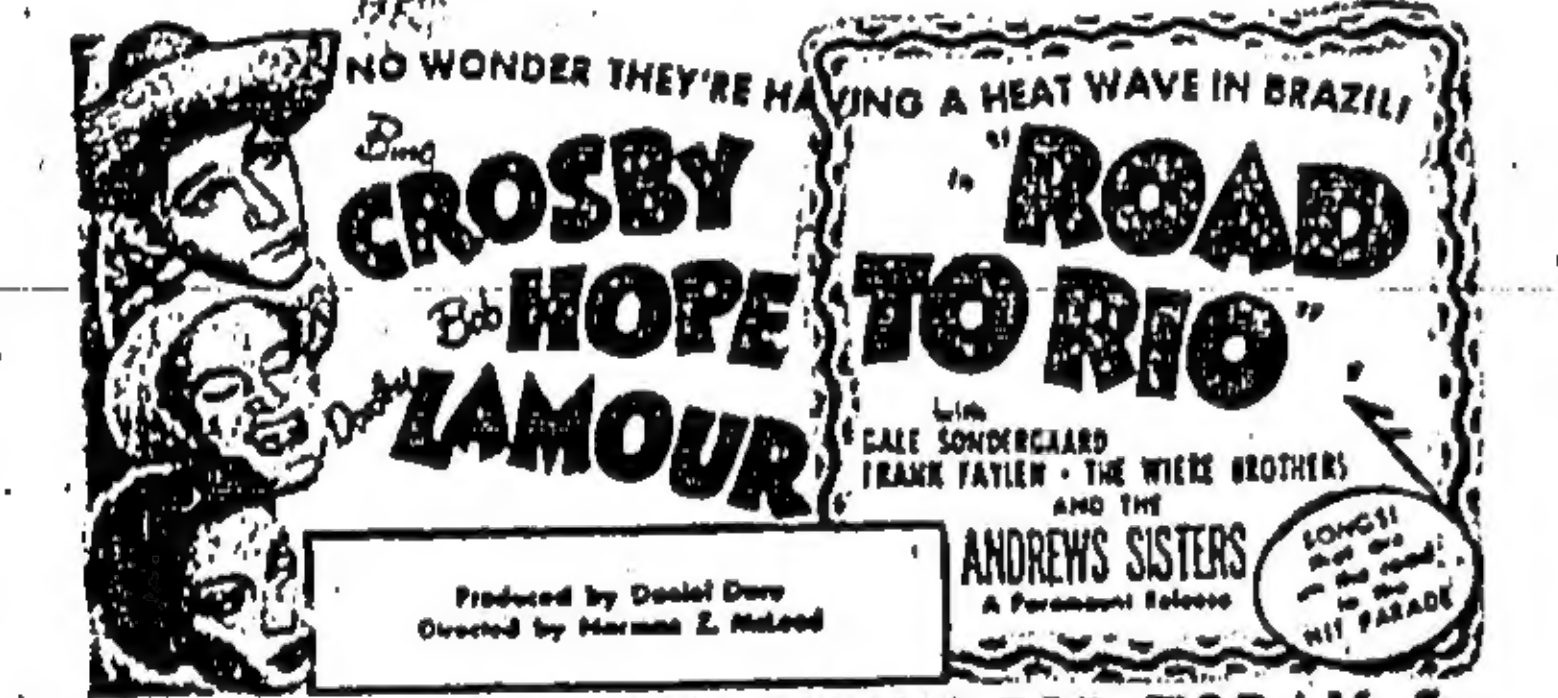
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THE WORLD'S CHRISTMAS

London, December 24.

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Four Catholic Consuls-General in Jerusalem—the French, Italian, Spanish and Belgian—decided to boycott the Bethlehem services because the Arabs had refused to open the direct road from the Holy City.

Instead, the Arab Legion was allowing pilgrims to use the newly-built military road which is entirely in their hands.

Rome basked in sunshine all day while Italians prepared for the great Christmas Eve celebrations, climaxed by midnight Mass. St. Peter's itself is silent tonight. The Pope said Mass there at midnight on Christmas, 1944, but since then Vatican midnight ceremonies have been limited to High Mass in the Chapel of St. Mathilda, celebrated by the Pope in the presence of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Vatican.

New York still digging from under last Sunday's 10.5-inch snowfall, may get more of it for Christmas, the United States Weather Bureau said tonight.

The fall is expected to begin tomorrow afternoon and continue through the night and on Sunday.

The United States Air Force Headquarters in Washington warned aircraft of an "unidentified" aircraft, powered by eight engines, at 15,000 feet. Interceptors alerted and vectored in but unable to contact. Estimated time of arrival over target 24 hours December 24, 1948.

President Truman tramped through snow, slush and ice in a pair of Army boots today to say "Merry Christmas" to friends and neighbors in his home town of Independence, Missouri.

He walked up to the Town Square, dropping in at Mayor Roger T. Sermon's grocery store, the Post office and the town's pa. cr. In Washington, the Christmas spirit permeated officialdom today with the release by the State Department of an "official" radiogram sent to Father Christmas.

Worded in State Department phraseology, copies of the message were distributed to all department officials in the regular packets of incoming and outgoing telegrams.

Reports from Berlin said that the Anglo-American airlift, favoured by crystal clear weather, today made an all-out effort to provide a really merry Christmas for the residents in blockaded Berlin. They were

working under the approving eye of Vice-President elect Alben Barkley.

There was little hope that the fliers could top the record—of 7,035 tons in a single day set on Air Force Day on September 18, but everybody was trying to top the second-best record of 6,400 tons.

The best that most Germans in the beleaguered city could hope for was canned meat, dried potatoes and oakes made from the special ration ration. Mr. Barkley was expected to fly into Berlin from Wiesbaden tomorrow.

The United States Air Secretary, Stuart Symington, disclosed that the Air Force is building new planes for the Berlin lift. He told reporters that he could not identify the plane, but it was learned that the "logical" plane for the airlift is a C-97 cargo version of the B-29 Superfortress. The four-engine plane C-97 will carry 40,000 pounds of cargo.

Asked if the airlift could possibly meet the target of 8,000 tons of food and fuel a day which have been asked by the Germans in Berlin, Symington replied, "I think we can do anything we want to do."

Europe had the brightest Christmas since 1939, but many people could not buy the foods and luxuries filling the stores. Prices were too high, 60 per cent higher than last year in some countries.

In the mildest weather in memory, Christmas trees were being trucked into Moscow for the main Russian celebration on January 7. Electric lights and toys were more numerous than at any time since before the war.

In Germany, seven of Hitler's former cronies were permitted to be together for the first time in a year. Now in prison after conviction for war crimes, they include Rudolf Hess, Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

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Today

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 852 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

- 10.30 a.m.—Programme Summary.
- 10.31 a.m.—Relay of the Celebration of Mass from St. Joseph's Church, Gordon Road, Presbytery The Rev. Father P. Grogan, S.J.
- 11.15 a.m.—London Studio Melodies... Montevand and His Orchestra.
- 11.45 a.m.—Organ Recital by George Thelwell from St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street.
- 12.00 p.m.—"A King of A Maiden"... Programme of Christmas Songs from the British Isles, by Frederick Fuller (Harlequin) with Daniel Kelly (Piano).
- 12.30 p.m.—Sports Results and Daily Programme Summary.
- 12.40 p.m.—Light Variety.
- 1.00 p.m.—Massenet's "Le Cid" Ballet... New Symphony Orchestra.
- 1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
- 1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
- 1.30 p.m.—A Popular Concert with Eileen Joyce (Soprano) and Piano.
- 2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
- 2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
- 2.10 p.m.—Weekly News-Letter, (London Relay).
- 2.15 p.m.—The George Malachuk Orchestra.
- 2.45 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) "On the Air".
- 3.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
- 3.15 p.m.—"Looking Ahead" A Review of the Week's Programmes (Studio).
- 3.30 p.m.—The Noel Coward Programme, Introduced by Noel Coward.
- 4.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
- 4.10 p.m.—Interlude.
- 4.15 p.m.—Special Christmas Edition of "TTMA" with Tommy Handley (London Relay).
- 4.45 p.m.—University Programme: Law No. 1 "Law of Property" by Professor H. Potter.
- 5.00 p.m.—Symphony Concert, Rimsky-Korsakov: Capriccio Espagnol... London Symphony Orchestra.
- 5.15 p.m.—Concerto in D Major, Op. 77... Jascha Heifetz (Violin) and the Boston Symphony Orchestra under Serge Koussevitzky.
- 5.30 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
- 5.45 p.m.—Weather Report.
- 5.50 p.m.—Symphony Concert (Cont'd) Benjamin Britten: "Dawn" Op. 64... London Symphony Orchestra.
- 6.00 p.m.—Cecile Franck: Symphony in D Minor... Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Interlude: Scherzetto (Whitlock)... George D. Cunningham Organ. (DDCTB).
- 6.15 p.m.—Eloise conducted by the Rev. Father A. Conner, S.J. (Studio).
- 6.30 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Tomorrow

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- 8.00 a.m.—Music of the People played by the International Light Orchestra: Gilbert Vinter.
- 8.30 a.m.—Dubrov Summer Band (With Vocalists) including—This England! The Gay Nineties! Ballroom Memories.
- 9.00 p.m.—"Hit Parade" sung by Doree Davis, Ken Lane Trio, Frank Sinatra and Orchestra.
- 9.25 a.m.—"From the Films."
- 10.00 a.m.—Close Down.
- 10.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
- 10.35 p.m.—"Sweet Serenade"... Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paula Green and Steve Conway (Vocal).
- 11.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
- 1.25 p.m.—Anton Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
- 1.35 p.m.—Boswell: "La Boutique Fantasque"—Ballet... London Philharmonic Orchestra.
- 2.00 p.m.—"Bandstand"... Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Captain F. J. Harris.
- 2.30 p.m.—"It's in the Air" Variety Request programme presented by Susan Howard (Studio).
- 3.30 p.m.—"Hearing Day" Anthology Presented by Clifford Davies (Studio).
- 4.00 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Sandberg and Palm Court Orchestra with Norman Allin (Dance).
- 4.50 p.m.—"It's Swing Time."
- 5.00 p.m.—Childrens Hour (Dragon Snake Island by Barnaby Twist (Studio) Christmas Carols introduced by "Uncle Mac" Great Expectations by Charles Dickens).
- 6.00 p.m.—"Home Thoughts from Abroad"—Half an Hour's Musings on "Going Home" by "See Tee" (Studio).
- 6.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour (Studio).
- 7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
- 7.15 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music.
- 7.30 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour presented by Nan Dickinson (Studio).
- 8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
- 8.10 p.m.—Orchestral Favorites.
- 8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by Brian Chen, (Studio).
- 9.00 p.m.—Piano Recital by Denis Matthews.
- 9.15 p.m.—Linda Carter "Talks on Films" (Studio).
- 9.30 p.m.—London Playhouse "The Scars of Pimperley" starring James Mason.
- 10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
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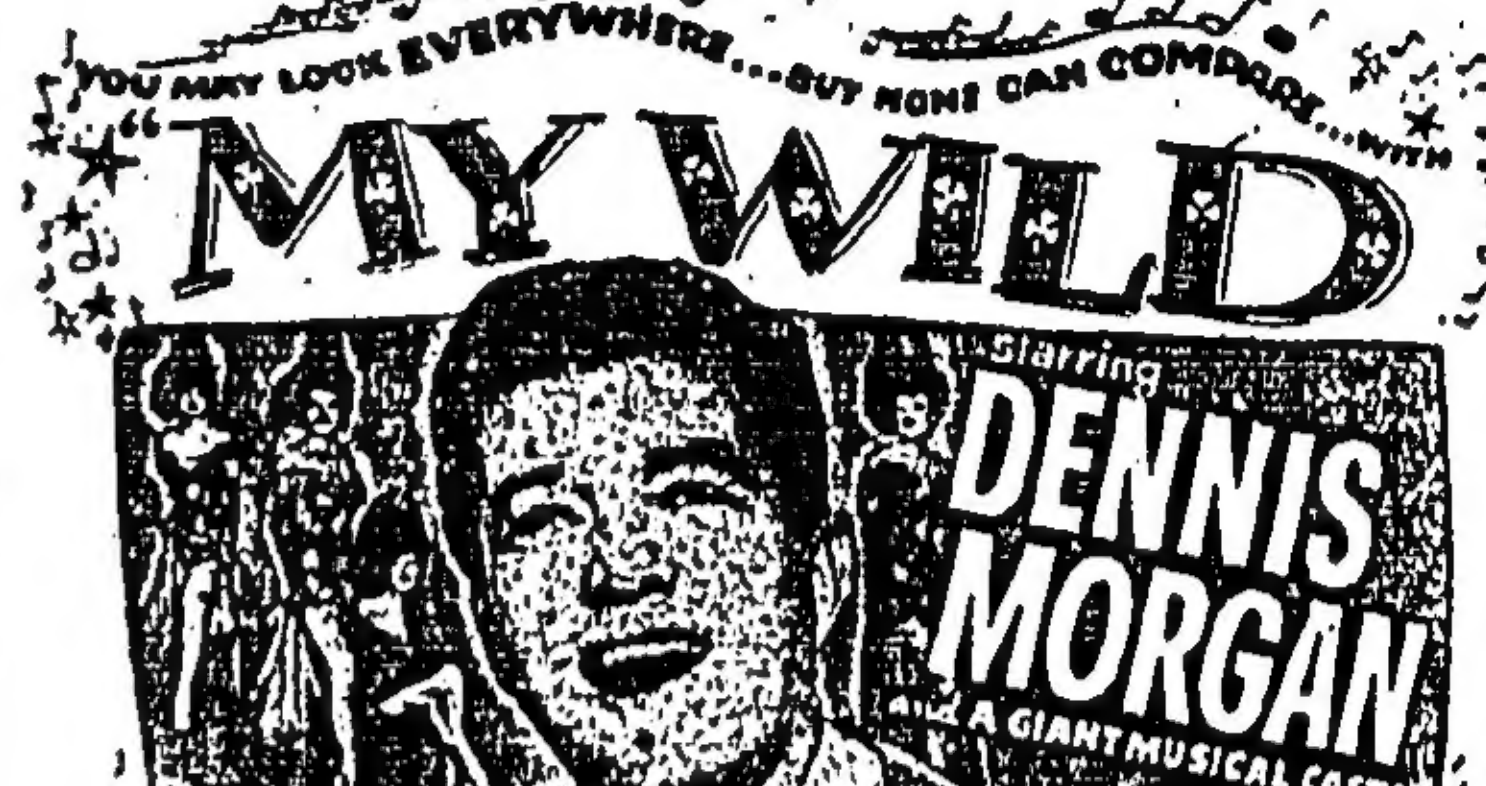
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"I'm sorry about it," I said. "I can't help it, but three friends of mine from Dublin will be coming round to see us in half an hour, or an hour, or an hour and three-quarters."

"But that will be nice," she said.

"I won't," I told her. "It will be awful. I don't know why it should be, but it is one of the inevitable laws of the universe that all visitors from Ireland bring with them a trail of destruction, confusion, desolation, and despair, and in any case they always want to make a telephone call immediately they arrive ringing up places, I mean, like Glasgow, Chester, and Cork. They seem to have these urgent messages until they get into someone's house."

"Oh," she said, "by the way, nothing came from the wine stores."

"You see," I cried, "there it is! It's beginning already!" I rang up the wine stores. They said the boy had gone out on his bicycle at one o'clock, and hadn't been seen since. They thought it was the fog, and were worried about the bicycle. In the meantime they were helpless, but as soon as the boy returned they would certainly send him round.

"Four minutes later the bell rang. I opened the door, and there they were, Deirdre, Joan, and Kerry—a peculiarly revolting name, I'd always thought, for a man."

"Hello," I said. "Come in. There's no drink."

"I'm terribly sorry," said Joan, "but could I possibly make a telephone call? Robbie's at the flat, you see, with Mary, and they don't know that I told Barbara to come in about six, quite forgetting, of course, that we were coming round here."

"Where's the flat?" I said. "In Nuncheon?"

"Don't be silly," said Joan. "It's just round the corner. But if I don't warn Robbie about Barbara coming round she's going to find Mary there."

"Do all that," I said, "into the telephone. It's in the bedroom, but be careful how you open the door because the baby's having her bath."

"In here, is it?" cried Joan. Fortunately, the child was not as yet actually in the bath, so that we lost only the water. I mopped it up with a towel.

"I'm awfully sorry," said Joan. "But I must ring Robbie. It isn't just Mary, you know. If George gets to hear about it—"

"Do it into the telephone!" I roared. "I can't follow it, and I don't want to hear any more about it!"

I brought Deirdre and Kerry into the living-room.

"Listen," I said. "Where are my evening-dress trousers? You borrowed them last night. Remember?"

Kerry looked at the carpet. "I wanted to talk to you about that," he said. "It sounds rather silly now, but a chip put a lot of oysters into the hip pocket."

"A chip," I said, "put a lot of oysters into the hip pocket."

of my evening-dress trousers? You asked me?"

"It would have been perfectly all right," said Kerry quickly. "If I hadn't forgotten about it. But I sat down, and they got sort of squashed. I'm having them cleaned."

"You forgot," I said, slowly and carefully, "that your—my—hip pocket was full of oysters, so you just sat down and now you're having them cleaned."

"That's right," said Kerry. "I'm awfully sorry. But look, we brought you a balloon." He smiled shyly. "We thought it would be nice for the baby," he said.

I looked at it. A red balloon. "Thank you very much indeed," I said. "You might have brought a bottle of whisky, or a tongue, or a ham, or a pound of butter, or even a dozen eggs. But you thought it might be better just to bring a balloon. That's fine. Thank you very much."

"Well," said Deirdre, after a moment, "how have you been getting on?"

"Splendidly," I said. "Up till now. How much longer do you think Joan is going to be on the telephone? I want to ring up the wine stores again. The thought of oysters in the hip pocket of my trousers is making me feel sick."

The wine stores were engaged. I suppose everyone was thinking them asking about the boy in the lift. I decided to get a taxi, and clear the thing up myself.

I went to look for him, and found him almost at once. Tracked him down by the shop-lift. He'd got himself stuck in the lift. I could see his face through the little window by going down on all fours.

"What are you doing?" I shouted.

"He made wild gestures. 'Nothing! I'm stuck!' I craned my head to see the panel of buttons. As I thought, the emergency-stop switch was down."

"You've switched yourself off!" I cried. "Push up the stop thing, and then press the button for this floor."

The lift worked immediately. He stepped out. "I must have brushed against it," he said apologetically.

They left about an hour later. Kerry having blown up the balloon and hung it, chest high, from the chandelier. Joan had two more telephone calls, and at one moment Deirdre seemed to come over faint, and had to lie down with a hot-water bottle.

After they'd gone we just sat quietly on the sofa, waiting to see if they'd come back again.

"Well," I said in the end, "there you are. What did I tell you. Chaos. Three hours of hell."

"Never mind," she said. "They've gone now. It's all over."

At that moment the balloon burst. I happened to have a cup of cocoa in my hand. I threw it straight into my eye.

THE MAN WHO OILS UNO'S MACHINERY

Running a vast organisation like the United Nations with its diverse nationalities and immense secretarial work needs a strong man, mentally and physically. Today when U.N.O. considers, for instance, the Berlin dispute with its ramifications and potentiality of war Mr. Trygve Lie, the 40,000 a year Norwegian-born Secretary General of the United Nations, has the responsibility for making the arrangements before the matter is debated before a world audience.

Fortunately for U.N.O. this dark-haired, broad-shouldered, bulky man of fifty has an unflinching zest for work and a capacity for organisation which ensures that the complex organisation runs smoothly.

The son of a carpenter, born in the mountain village of Grønndal some twenty miles from Oslo, young Lie rose by his own efforts to make himself a nation-wide figure as lawyer, statesman and diplomat.

enne secretary to the Labour Party and legal adviser to the Norwegian equivalent of our RUC. Then in 1935 he became Minister of Justice in the Labour Government—the youngest man ever to reach Cabinet rank in his country.

Next Coup

Lie was no narrow parochial politician. He knew that Norway's grade was bound up with an international outlook, and when coup d'état which caused fury to Hitler.

In the unlucky years before the war he was Minister of Trade,

By John D'Arcy-dawson

Industry, Shipping and Fishing and stocked up large reserves of food and fuel.

When Norway was invaded by Hitler, he was in the mountains, and he fled swiftly. With German planes bombing the roads of the mountain valley in which he had made his headquarters, he gave orders for the entire Norwegian merchant fleet of a 1,000 ships and 30,000 men to leave for Allied ports.

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During those last few days he was in constant danger but before he left for England his last act was to organise supplies for the Army and civilians to carry on the fight.

He escaped with his fair-haired wife Hjerdis, with whom as a boy of six he had played in the pine woods behind his village

and his two elder daughters. His eight-year-old daughter was left behind but was reunited with the family after the war.

Never Lost Faith

In England he became Foreign Minister in the emigre Government. He never lost his faith in ultimate victory and during his stay in London perfected his English.

Accustomed all his life to hard work Lie still plans his daily work on his old life in Norway. While taking his morning bath he listens to news broadcasts. At breakfast he concentrates on the day, but immediately the meal is over he reads through the morning papers and then sets out for his office, which he reaches about 9 a.m.

A sandwich does for lunch and he works right through until the late afternoon. When he leaves his office he takes with him bundles of papers, and after dinner settles down to work off accumulated tasks.

He still takes an interest in sport, especially football and tennis, and whenever he gets the opportunity likes a game of tennis.

In his capacity as Secretary General he does a lot of official entertaining, but prefers small parties whenever possible. Enjoying a glass of claret with his dinner he is also a heavy smoker.

The secret of his popularity is that he is never afraid to make decisions, and always backs up his staff. A dynamic speaker, he is completely impartial in a position which calls for great tact.

Now, as Secretary-General, he is in the limelight, but he likes to get away to his family for, at heart, he is a family man with the nerves of his little home outside Oslo.

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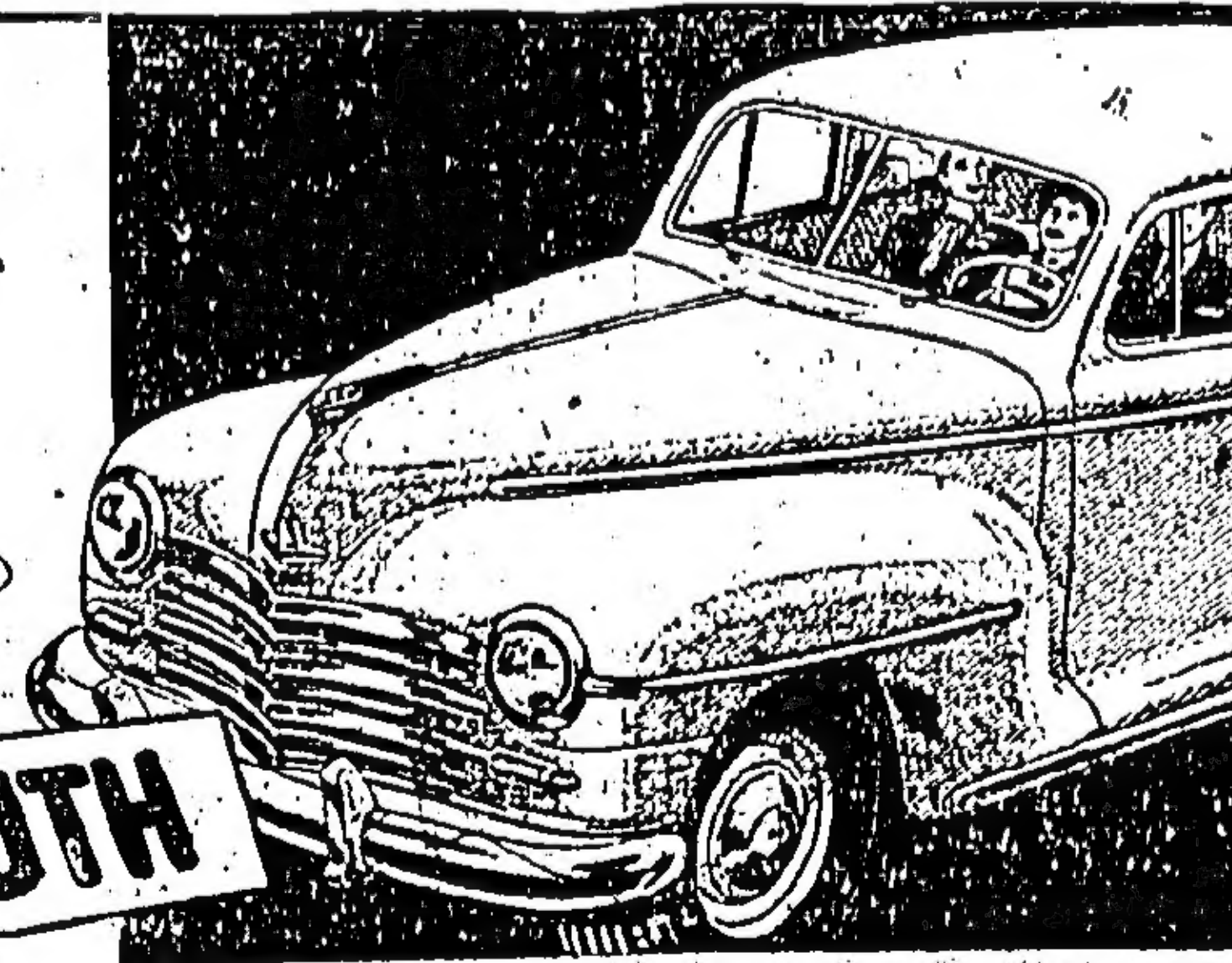
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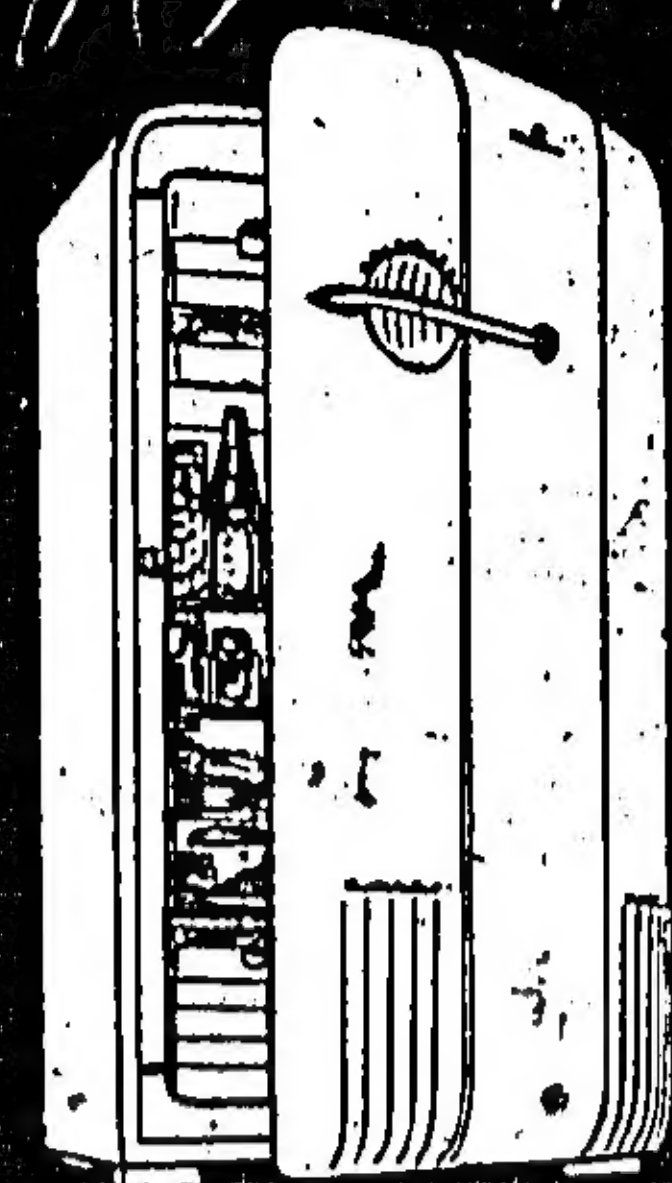
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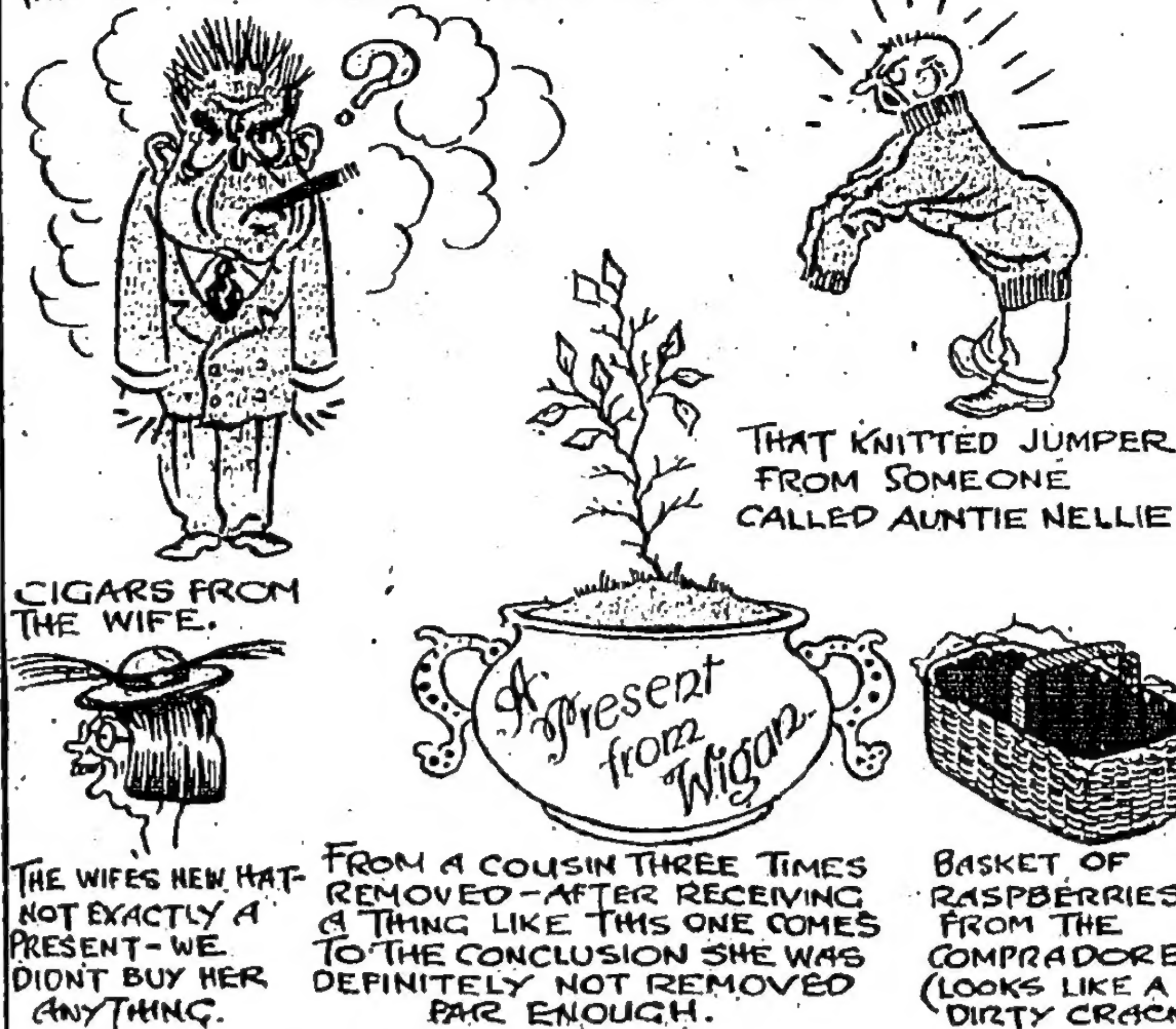
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New Life And Purpose In

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During a fortnight's visit to Austria, from which I have just returned, the question most frequently put to me by Britons, Americans and Austrians alike was this: What is your outstanding impression of Vienna? My answer was always the same - the children.

Throughout my stay I did not see a hungry looking or ill-clad youngster. Not only did they look fit and well but they were happy and gay; young laughter was everywhere. It was a tonic sound that cheered the heart.

I read this as the surest indication, despite present fears and uncertainties, that the future is real, believe me - that Vienna is returning to life. Certainly the fourth winter of Allied occupation is being faced in a mood very different from the embittered pessimism of even a year ago.

The Old Coquette

Vienna, that thousand-year-old siren, the city where East meets West and which houses nearly a quarter of Austria's population, is living again; the old coquette is getting back something of her allure and poise.

Her shopping centres today rival those of any other capital. Paris, London included. Shop windows glitter and twinkle with luxury goods of the sort we have yet to see in Newcastle. Neon lights gleam brightly as darkness falls. Inside, great clusters of light put the shadows to flight. Not even in pre-war days have I seen such prodigious use of electricity.

By day and night the streets are filled with people warmly, if not fashionably, attired. New British and American cars blare incessant warnings to the most careless pedestrians I have ever met.

Indeed, the joy walkers of Vienna deserve to cheer to themselves. Their indifference to all traffic rules and regulations, to death and mutilation, must be seen to be believed; it cannot be conveyed in cold print.

If the evidence of the eyes were alone to be accepted, there here is a rich, prosperous, thriving city, the Vienna of the Hapsburgs. But, as the conjuror knows, nothing is easier to deceive than the eye.

To a great extent this bright masquerade of prosperity is an illusion, which is torn and tattered when it comes up against the hard reality of prices. We grumble, and with ample reason, against the cost of things here; in Vienna I cannot fathom how the average family managed to present so brave a front to the world.

Before the currency reform of last December the shops were empty, though the Viennese told me that those "in the know" could always get what they wanted if they had the money to pay for it.

As soon as the currency was stabilised goods flooded into the shops - but still only those to whom money is no object can buy them. Still, however, the days of bartering seem to be over.

Bang Goes Pay Packet

The best paid classes in Austria are the skilled artisans, who are in great demand in the reconstruction. The schilling is anchored at 40 to our pound, and the people who can work with their hands can earn 800 to 900 schillings a month, which doesn't look too bad on paper.

By The Editor Of The "Newcastle Sunday Sun"

Professional and white collar workers usually fall sharply below these rates. Doctors, for example, think they are doing quite well if they earn 600 to 700 schillings monthly, while clerical staffs get less. Even high officials in the Government service get what we would regard as pitiful wages.

To buy a new overcoat for the winter or a new suit - neither of which appears to be as good in quality as our Utility garments - swallows up a whole month's wages.

Vienna is famous for the quality and workmanship of her leather goods, but if a clerk wished to buy his wife or his sweetheart a smart handbag for her birthday bag goes a month's wages. All other prices are in this fantastic proportion.

Of course, someone must buy the goods so temptingly displayed or the traders would soon be out of business. It must be a very select circle of customers for the prices put them out of the reach of the great majority of the inhabitants. They can look and long but 'they cannot buy'.

It is to the credit of the Viennese that, considering everything they bear up surprisingly well. They grumble a lot, as is only natural, but there appears to be little or no active discontent with a tantalising state of affairs.

Food too, must be a never-ending worry to the housewife. The great cafes and beer cellars are open as of yore but even at night they attract a mere sprinkling of customers. It is a mystery to me how they manage to carry it all.

Fortunately for the Austrians rents and taxes are low, so that the greater part of their incomes can be used to buy consumer goods.

There are constant rumours of another currency change, maybe because the wish is father to the thought. When I mentioned these rumours to Leopold Figl, the Federal Chancellor, who received me in the famous building of Congress fame and where Dollfuss fell to the assassin, he scouted any such possibility. No change is contemplated.

Will And Purpose

The hard fact is that the well-stocked shops and the bright lights are not the true pointers to the economic health of Vienna. These are to be found, and most convincingly, in the spirit and energy of the people, who are working with a will and purpose that are comparatively new.

Had I come to the city 18 months ago, was informed by observers whose training qualified them to speak with authority, I should have found general listlessness and apathy. The citizens then roamed about as if they could not care less for the future of their country, and they just didn't care what happened. One day was just the same as any other day and most of their time was spent on the trail for food.

That is no longer the case. Everybody bustles about, with energy and zest - except when they cross the road - for all have got jobs to do that they think worth doing.

A great amount of building and re-building is in progress and it is not unusual to see work going on into the night. Now business premises and homes are springing up and the scars of war are being healed. Men work as if in a race against time.

Passers-by in the street are going somewhere, not just mooning around putting in the time. They feel once more that it is good to be alive and that, no matter how obscure and confused today's outlook may be there will be a brighter tomorrow.

Help is coming to them from the free nations of the West in ever-increasing measure; they know they are not battling alone. Life is an adventure again.

That is the spirit of Vienna today as I sensed it. It is anything but a complete picture, of course, for I have not touched upon the massive problems of occupation, of which the greatest is posed by the unpredictable Russians, who made the headlines in Britain all the time I was in Vienna.

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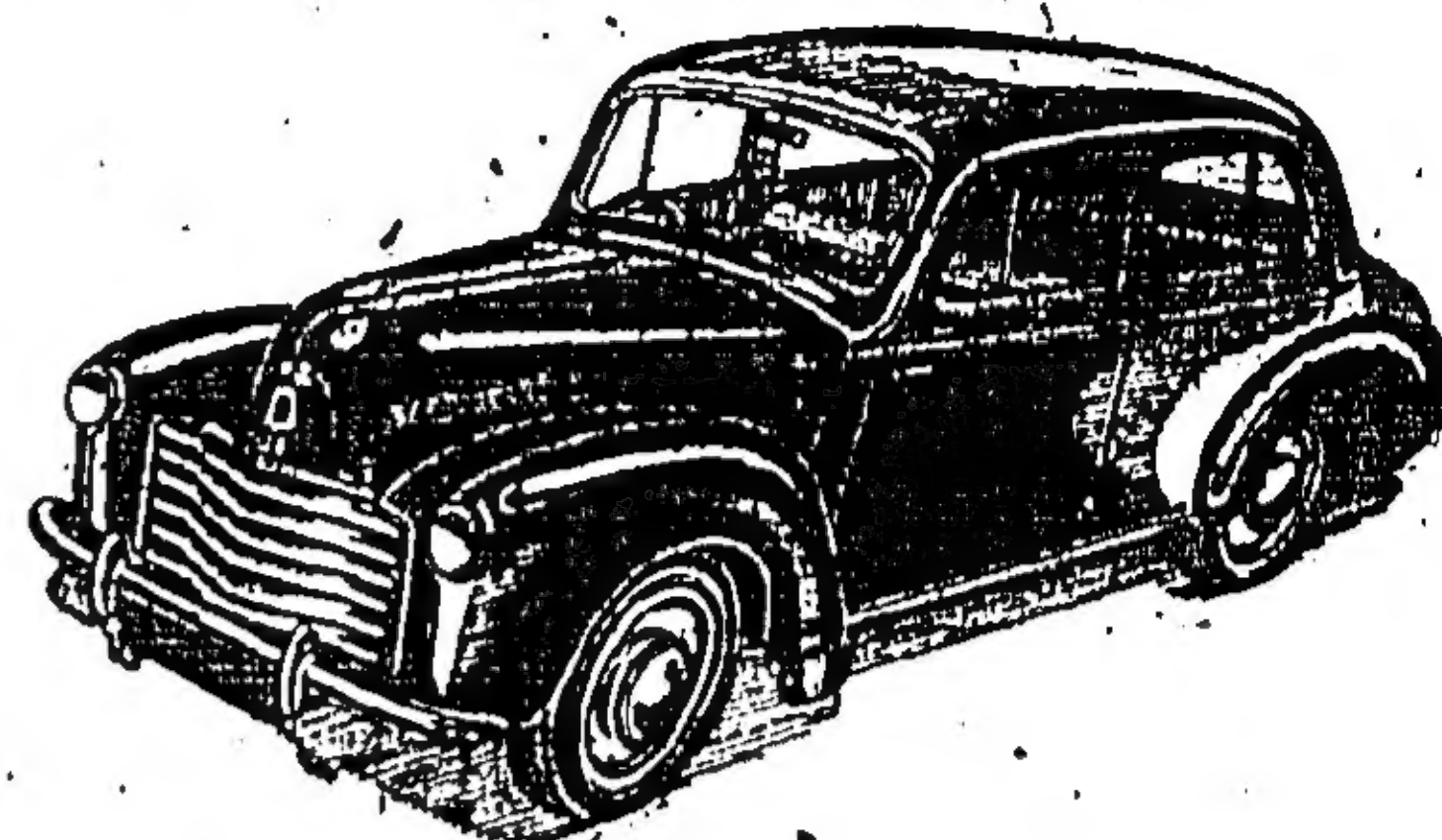
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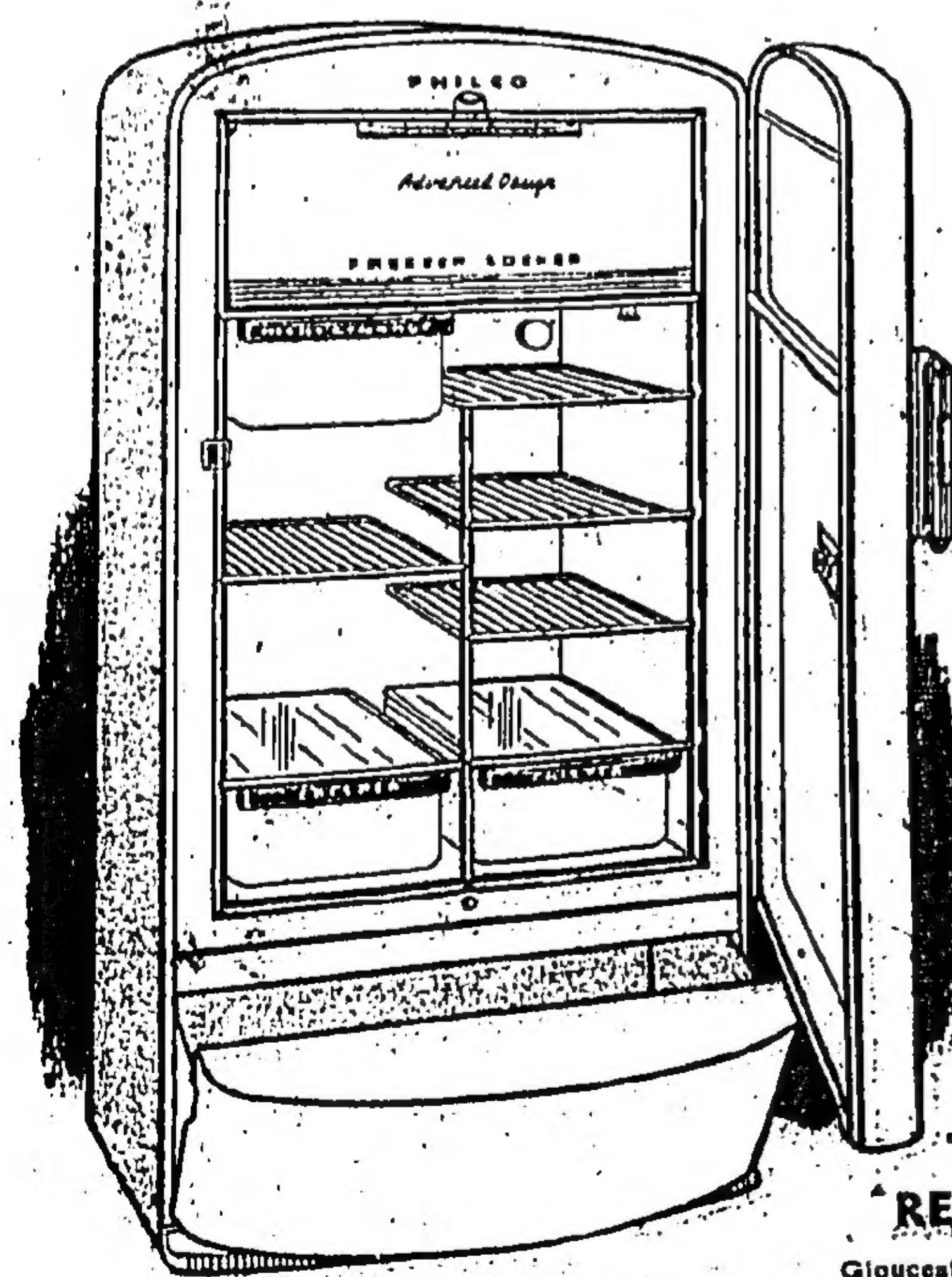
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Tientsin, December 25.

The Military Governor of Hopei, General Chu Hsueh-chun, told the press last night that the Nationalists will take offensive action after Peiping's defence "arrangements" have been elaborated. He stressed the necessity for restoring the land link between Peiping and Tientsin which he felt was possible without much difficulty. Peiping has not heard the sounds of gunfire for two days.

The situation around Tientsin was also quiet. Reports reaching here said that the Communists have withdrawn beyond 10 miles from the city. However, Tangku is rapidly becoming a scene of operations with serious fighting going on, according to Nationalist and independent Chinese reports.

Since Tangku has great bearing upon the whole North China military action, great importance is attached to developments there. Although the Nationalists have more than once in the past few days claimed a "complete defeat" of the Communists in the Tangku area, official communists continue to indicate fighting to be going on in the immediate vicinity of the port.

A garrison spokesman announced that Communist forces were withdrawing from the environs of Tientsin towards Tangku with the apparent intention of cutting this city from all possible navigational link with the sea by occupying Tangku.

After a whole week's "probing attacks" around Tientsin, the Communists have been officially reported as having withdrawn from various vicinities.

The spokesman revealed the Reds were proceeding in the direction of Tangku and advised the press "to wait and see until the confused situation clarifies" perhaps in the next few days.

In this connection, various versions circulating here explaining the sudden Red withdrawal, including an unconfirmed advance of the Kalgan garrison to the Nankow Pass, from where it could hit the Reds in the rear, that Ninghsia troops under General Ma Hsueh-kuei were approaching Kalgan and that the Communists prefer to impose a long siege upon Tientsin.

Possible Looting
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Reprieve For Nanking

Shanghai, December 25.

A heavy snowfall has virtually halted all military activity on the Peiping front, 140 miles North West of Nanking, but Chinese reports said today that general Tu Yu-min's three Nationalist army groups advancing Southward are "making some progress."

General Tu's troops were reported to have opened an attack against general Chen Yifu's Communist army Yangcheng, causing 2,000 casualties including 800 bodies counted in the field.

The full attack continued in the outskirts of Peiping, indicating there are no Communists in the immediate suburbs. The city gates were open during the day, although exit and entrance is strictly guarded by military post.

In the Tientsin sector, combined air, navy and ground forces repulsed the Communists North of Tangku, the port area of Tientsin. Naval guns blasted numerous Communist cars, trucks and guns, the reports said.—United Press.

Nanking, December 25.

The "Red" or "troubled" capital today "bids" anyone to listen to Communist broadcasts. Military police roamed through the streets looking for violators. An announcement said the reason was that the source of many "anti-government" rumours had been traced to Communist broadcasts.—Associated Press.

Shanghai, December 25.

Radio messages established today that the Army ship Haichang, which was reported missing on December 23, is safely on its way to Canton. It is known that the vessel carried munitions and food and been seized by the Communists.—Associated Press.

San Francisco, December 24.

The Chinese Communist Radio today said Communist troops had captured Kalgan, 150 kilometres North West of Peiping. The broadcast said all Government troops in Kalgan had been "wiped out" by mid afternoon today.—Reuters.

NO SURRENDER Dr. Sun Fo's Plans

Nanking, December 25.

General Wu Teh-chun, deputy Prime Minister of China's new war cabinet, in an interview with the United Press, emphatically declared today that the new Government of Dr. Sun Fo is determined to continue the fight against the Communists until the Reds sue for peace.

In an exclusive interview, Mr. Wu said, "The only object of the new government is to continue the fight against the Communists until they want peace and realise that peace is of vital importance to the entire nation."

"This Cabinet is a war cabinet, not a surrender cabinet."

Mr. Wu, who for many years has been one of the very close advisers to the Generalissimo, is a member of Dr. Sun Fo's cabinet and one of the group whose sole duty will be the formation of policy in the new Cabinet.

In unmistakable terms, Mr. Wu expressed only optimism that despite serious setbacks to the Nationalists, the new government has hopes and has no plan other than to force the fight to the Reds in new revitalisation and remobilisation of that part of the nation which is still firmly in Nationalist hands—South of the Yangtze River.

He said, "This Government will strengthen its defences South of the Yangtze, increase production, supply of man power and new troops to revitalise these forces still in the North."

Manpower Pools

Mr. Wu said it was too early yet to announce any new policy but at the same time he could say that a blueprint is being drawn by which the selective service machinery will be overhauled and "vast manpower pools" will be siphoned into the armed forces in great numbers.

"This is going to be an all out effort," said Mr. Wu. "Everything necessary to continue the war against the Communists will be done."

"Mr. Wu added, "We are going to keep on fighting until it will be the Reds who ask for peace." The same spirit of optimism voiced by Mr. Wu Teh-chun was evident in other circles. There was also apparent an unusual atmosphere of complete co-operation among the more important segments of the Government. Each knows what the other is doing and all are co-operating.

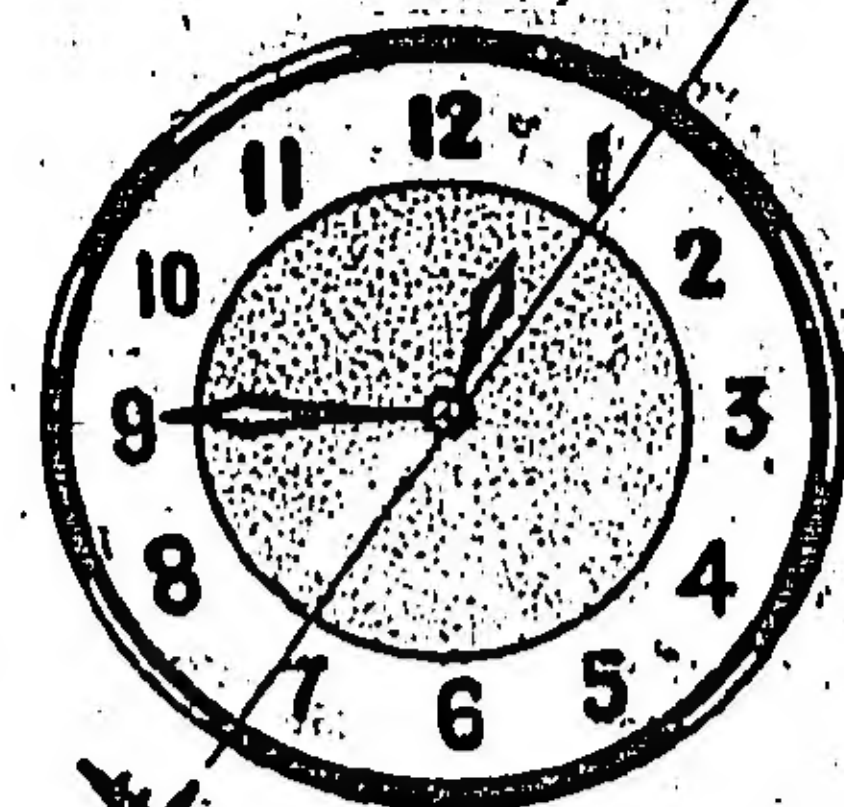
No one denies that the situation is serious but at the same time there are few in the highest government levels who admit pessimism over the future.

Heavier Casualties

One high government source made a point that the Communists in the North Kiangsu battle of Hsuehow and Pengsu suffered heavier casualties than the Nationalists. He offered as proof of his assertion that had the Reds won as great victories as they claimed, they would immediately have pressed for an advantage. "If the Communists had the upper hand they would not have given up. But facts speak for themselves. The Reds were forced to give up their offensive, lick their wounds, regroup themselves to find another direction in an effort to reach the Yangtze."

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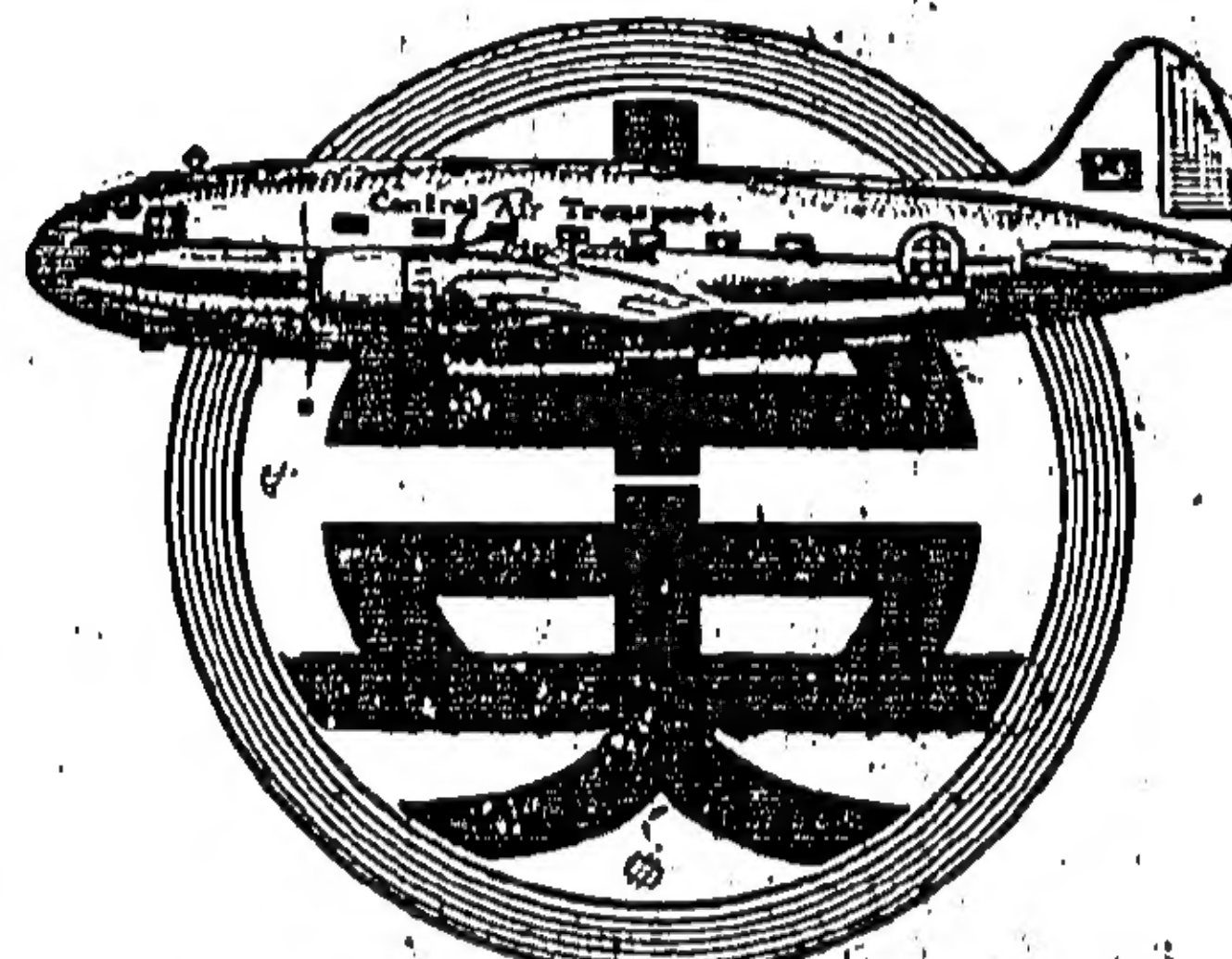
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We often have a gentle dig at Civil Servants because many of them are very funny persons. But there is never anything of malice in it, certainly not of the kind which normally might be calculated to produce that type of spirit, in relations between the Press and high Government officials, which created so much astonishment at Basalt Island last week.

Happily the attitude adopted by Mr. A. J. R. Moss is, in fact, so rare that we were rather inclined to dismiss the affair lightly and treat it as a temperamental outburst in reaction to the shocking air disaster which was the occasion for the visit of the Press to the island. We should, indeed, have said no more about it in this newspaper but for information that subsequently Mr. Moss took further steps which resulted in disciplinary action against one or more police officers.

If true, this appears to us to be even more vexing than the original incident, which amounted to a totally unwarranted interference with the Press who were carrying out their duty. We are aware, of course, that Mr. Moss is the Director of Civil Aviation and has a heavy responsibility in the event of an air crash. We fail to see, however, that this confers any authority to dictate whether or under what circumstances any person, Press or otherwise, may proceed to any island within the waters of the Colony and land. Further, we fail to see how that confers the slightest authority to question the action of a police officer who accepts the validity of a reputable journalist's Press pass and the responsibility for permitting him to proceed aboard a police launch.

We cannot concede as reasonable that Mr. Moss's own responsibilities entitle him to adopt a spirit of resentment because the Director of Marine has authorised a private engaged launch to proceed on a short journey outside the harbour limits. In fact, we suggest that Mr. Moss went well beyond the bounds of his proper authority, and in a manner demanding much patience to prevent the affair becoming regrettably damaging to the relations between Press and public servants which have been, by and large, excellent.

Peace On Earth?

The human race is highly adaptable and ever-hopeful, but one wonders how many people throughout the world this Christmas smiled wryly as they echoed the sentiment of "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men," however sincerely they meant it.

Those who will not bury their heads in the sand know there has been no real peace since the second world war ended, particularly in the Far East. Between the great powers, only an armed truce exists. The cold war in the West is even more menacing than the battles in China, Indonesia, and Palestine, and the troubles in Malaya and Burma.

There is little evidence of goodwill in the international gatherings such as the recent United Nations conference in Paris. The Security Council had to remain in session over the Christmas holidays to seek an end to the current wars.

Peace on earth... it exists only in few places, and precariously, but the peoples of the world still hope. And maybe the hope of millions may have some effect by the time next Christmas comes round.

HOW SHOULD WE FIGHT THE COLD WAR?

"If the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself to the battle?" St. Paul's words have a modern ring. The Government have not described to the British people the shape of the victory which would end the cold war. Ministers are silent and recruiting for the Territorial Army and Air Defence Force goes badly. Presumably the Cabinet are at sixes and sevens. They should know that wars are only won by men who can embody in words of war the aims for which they ask their followers to bear the burden and losses of the conflict. What a contrast with the ruthlessness of our enemy! The Russians know what they want. They are imperialists and they are Communist. The twin blades of their thought and action shear through the woolly uncertainties of semi-Socialist democracies.

The Hesitant West

The Czars handed to the Soviet successors the expansion and consolidation of an empire as an object of policy. For centuries they dreamed of making Russia secure without an ally. The dream still fascinates, but as the age of science triumphant unfolds it becomes more and more difficult to fulfill. The bomb has put a country which fears to have a friend can feel safe unless it is the military master of the globe.

The very same conclusion is the driving force of Communism. Only when all men have embraced the Marxist faith can its principles and priests be secure against doubt and defeat; so that in the pattern of victory set before the Russian people neither collective security nor co-operation in U.N.O. finds a place. Whether the lords of the Kremlin are in Imperialist or Communist mood, their grand objective is power over the bodies and minds of all men.

This singleness of purpose clothes the Russians with an immense authority in the struggle for the world. The hesitant West is pushed around on the defensive. With nothing to conquer, the democracies wait for each new blow and parry it as best they can.

The European Recovery Programme stands out as the one card on which the United States jumped in to attack. Its very success highlights the weakness on the other cold-war fronts, where the confusion of Socialist thought, with its unintelligible terminology to Communism, belittles both strategy and tactics.

Churchill Battle-Orders

Mr. Churchill, whose battle-words we have reason to trust, will have none of this shilly-shally. At Llandudno he struck out the shape of victory in the cold war.

"Let them (the U.S.S.R.) release their grip upon the satellite States of Europe. Let them return to their own country, which is one-sixth of the land surface of the globe. Let them liberate by their departure the capital cities of Europe, which they have now held in their claws. Let them go back to the Curzon Line, as was agreed upon in the days when we were fighting as comrades together."

"Let them set free the million or more German and Japanese prisoners they now hold as slaves. Let them cease to oppress, torment and exploit the immense part of Germany and Austria which are in their hands. The lifting of the blockade at Berlin would be merely the stopping of blackmail. There should be no reward for that."

"Let them cease to distract Malaya and Indonesia. Let them

liberate the Communist-held portion of Korea. Let them cease to torment the hideous civil war in China."

"Above all, let them throw open their vast regions on equal terms to the ordinary travel and traffic of mankind. No one wants to take anything they have got and that belongs to them away from them. After all, we are asking them to do no more than what the other victorious States have done of their own free will."

Deadly Serious Portent

Words like these by Mr. Churchill thrust a torch into the hands of Europeans who love freedom. They know that without immense American aid they cannot carry that torch to victory; they know also that the United States is too distant from our Continent to be able to carry that torch to victory. Either Britain takes the lead or the plan fails.

So far our Socialist Government flatter. They appear content to make occasional contributions to the Russians where they are sprawling half across Europe. They cannot grasp that

the cold war today is as deadly serious as a shooting war would be tomorrow. The weapons may differ, but the terms of surrender are the same.

It is a sad fact that if we became really tough in the cold war the Russians might start shooting. This sloppy fallacy has been trotted out every time a Government has had to justify appeasement and the desire for a quiet life.

Soviet Calculation

The truth is we are not confronted with two wars, one hot and one cold; there is only one war, and if the Russians now choose to fight it, coldly this is upon the calculation that without the atom bomb it would not pay to shoot.

When would this calculation turn in favour of a hot war? After the West had gained in strength by holding the Russians in property, limited by us and carried into the enemy's territory? Surely not. The odds in favour of Stalin using the Red Army to polish off the democracies increase in proportion as we become weaker through pulling our punches in the cold war.

Then there are people who believe the world is still big enough to accommodate both the free world and Communism. They remind us that the Catholic and the Protestant Churches, once irreconcilable enemies, learned to live together.

So they did after a 100 years of old-fashioned fighting, but a series of atomic wars to teach them how to tolerate Communism and to be tolerated by it. The world has grown too small and too dangerous for such rough lessons in good manners.

Weapons We Possess

Now then should the cold war be fought on the lines of the Soviet oppress? Our enemy uses every weapon of economic warfare. He subsidises strikers and saboteurs wherever they will do his dirty work. When it comes to the streets of Moscow he opens a key-position in Central Europe.

What is the answer of the democracies? The Government freely to see Mr. Boktomov to Moscow to make a new agreement under which we shall exchange

still more goods with Russia. How can we convince the Berliners that we are in earnest when we meet the Soviet threat to starve them with a request for more feeding-stuffs for ourselves?

Let the reader imagine the effect in Europe if tomorrow the Admiralty announced that a number of mines had been found still to endanger the entrance to the Baltic, and that while sweeping was in progress the Royal Navy would close these waters to Russian ships, or if the Western Powers were to say that all goods consigned to Russia from the territories of the Marshall countries, the British Commonwealth and the United States required a licence, and owing to a temporary shortage of staff no licences could be given.

One of the lessons of economic warfare in World War II was the wisdom of concentrating the blockade upon a few key articles which the enemy could not produce in sufficient quantity from his own resources. Russia is vulnerable in oil, mining and railway equipment, machine tools and certain strategic raw materials.

Credits Leave No Scars

In the House of Commons Mr. Strachey argued that as we needed Russian products, like feeding-stuffs and timber, it was good business to get them in exchange for articles wanted by Russia. The statisticians will add that even more urgently the United States needs Russian manganese.

But if we were engaged in a shooting war no one in Britain or America would dream of trading with the enemy. We are not at peace now; on what conditions then should we exchange products while the cold war rages?

We shall never change Russian policies by trade. The export of goods and the granting of credits leave no scars upon a system barricaded against the import of ideas and persons. Apparently the democracies do not care enough to insist upon big political concessions as a condition of any trade.

If these were our tactics we might for a time suffer some material inconvenience, but we would work out a common policy of economic warfare as we are working out a common policy of defence. The West and not the Soviet could dictate the terms of trade.

Commerce is only one of the weapons of the cold war. What are the ideas with which we fight? This is the greatest question of the age, for if the West has no answer to the Soviet free world of the streets of Moscow, the Communist will be the victor. The State Book, then we shall find that Jan Masaryk's suicide was symbolic of Christian civilisation's decline and fall.

Countering Communism

The Communists send their missionaries all over the world. Where are our disciples and martyrs? One of my friends told some members of the Oxford Group that the streets of Moscow and Berkeley-square should be the testing ground of their faith.

A hard saying which should make all believers in the Christian tradition ask themselves what they are doing to bring over the Communists to respect the human conscience and to value the individual for his relation not to the State but to God.

The cold war will never be won until we recognise that, necessary as the dollars and economic recovery certainly are, the soul of man is the prize for which East and West are contending.

MUST WE BE KICKED AROUND ASKS LORD VANSITTART

I served all sorts of Governments for nearly 40 years and I came to the conclusion that they all at times take leave of their senses.

The time may be very short; the leave may be modest and curtailed, but they take it. There are, however, instances when the leave is prolonged and serious.

We are confronted with one or two such instances today, though the public has been allowed to remain in blissful ignorance of them.

One example I have already and repeatedly raised in the House of Lords. The Government fully recognises the disgraceful manner in which British subjects and British interests are being treated behind the Iron Curtain.

It is, however, obsessed by the notion that action in these matters is dangerous; in other words, that it might lead on, through a series of graver consequences, to war.

That is exactly the reverse of the truth. The official attitude is an hallucination. A return to firmness and sanity is long overdue, for it is on the contrary an abject inaction which is really dangerous.

Hallucinations

The more we allow ourselves to be kicked around—and that is what is now continually happening—the more easily do tyrants like Hitler and Stalin persuade themselves that we can be kicked for ever and with impunity.

Thus these megalomaniac dictators gradually force themselves into postures of aggression from which there is no retreat.

The Government again seems haunted by the German notion that there is nothing between passivity and war. That again is an hallucination.

If it were true, one might as well at once shut up the Foreign Office and all our Embassies and Missions abroad, because Foreign Offices and diplomatic representation alike only exist to devise means of pressure short of war.

That is why it is called the Foreign Office and not the War Office.

We have moreover to consider today another case which requires urgent correction. When Russia's marionette States, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, I warned the Government in the House of Lords that these treaties would certainly not be observed, and that they were indeed being broken even before they had been ratified.

This is, of course, exactly what has happened. These treaties are a shambles mockery.

I say "shambles" because one of the chief infringements of the treaties has occurred in the matter of military strength.

They are all going far beyond their authorised numbers in order that they may be drilled and swotted into docile little soldier-boys who will go and get killed whenever Stalin decides that the moment has come for the copious use of cannon-fodder.

Step To Take

We may not be able to prevent these infringements directly, though we could easily take action in the case of Albania, and, with equal ease, considerable economic action in the case of Yugoslavia. There is, however, one countervailing step which we can and must take without delay.

By this same series of treaties Italy was most drastically disarmed—indeed, a great deal too far disarmed, unlike the Soviet satel-

lites, has kept her obligation. She has therefore got wholly insufficient forces to cope simultaneously with a Communist insurrection in Italy and Yugoslav aggression on her North-Eastern frontier.

(By the way, Yugoslavia has an army three times as large as can be possibly necessary for peaceful purposes unless, of course, she is invaded by Russia and her more subservient lackeys.)

Now we want Italy to be as early as possible, an effective member of Western Union. It is absolutely indispensable to that Union that Italy should feel herself strong enough both at home and abroad to join it without fear of being disrupted from within and bullied from without.

Utter Folly

Since none of Italy's neighbours and enemies has ever dreamed of treaty observance, it is utter folly for Britain, France and the United States to hold Italy to her undertakings.

Italy must now be liberated from them, and if the official world is too strangled in red tape to give the sign to the Italian Government, British public opinion must step behind this plain-speaking and plain common sense and give its own authority to the Italian Government to go ahead.

The matter is a serious one. Let me give you one illustration. During the recent coal strike in France—which, of course, was fostered and subsidised by Soviet agents and Soviet funds—grave situations arose in various parts of France.

The worse example was at St. Etienne. The French Government had to send troops to deal with it. If the same situation had been reproduced all over France the French Government would have had sufficient troops to go round, and there would have been the devil to pay.

Too Few Troops

The case is exactly the same in Italy. She has not enough troops to put down disorders at home and to guard her frontiers. She otherwise has an effective member of Western Union.

If we continue our unthinking rigidities we shall soon be doing something even more obviously insane. Under the present treaty Italy was obliged to hand over a number of warships to Russia. Up to the present she has wisely put off doing so, but a 24,000-ton battleship is now in process of transfer. Italy has been struggling in the matter, and doing nothing to diminish the pressure. We should do so forthwith.

Soviet Russia has never fulfilled an obligation in her life. Once more Hitler and Stalin are twining in this respect.

Exactly right that everyone should expect that everyone should always fulfil treaty obligations towards her?

Italy should not hand over a single ton of shipping to Russia. If she does she will be committing a crime against Western Union. She will be unintentionally helping the Kremlin's visible war preparations.

If the British Government will not take it upon itself to say this to the Italian Government, let the British people take care of itself and notify the Italian public that in present circumstances we should regard any such transfer of war vessels to our enemies as an unfriendly act.

I hope that the Italian Government will take notice of this warning.

That was U.N.O.— (Strictly off the record)

O. H. BRANDON looks back on the private life of the General Assembly in Paris.

were not behaving like rowdy students who enjoy throwing ink pots and insults at each other. A glance at your entrance card to the United Nations would have reinforced that idea, because it was stated there that the United Nations "could not be held responsible for the damage the holder of the card might suffer in regard to his person or his belongings."

Talking Them Out Below The Belt

In reality there has been more shoulder rubbing among delegates than exchanges of insults. United States territory seems to be a hot oasis where everybody can shake hands unimpeded by iron curtains or racial hatreds.

Mr. Vishinsky, despite one or two star performances, was not his old flaming virgilio self this time. He looked much older and his retorts had lost their punch and spiciness.

Perhaps it was because the delegates of the West have hit back harder and he felt somewhat "what's-his-name" perhaps it was because of the now proverbial "Parisian tumour."

But then almost every delegate succumbed to this ailment. The hubbub of the French, cuisine, now almost back to its pre-war standards, seems to have outlived

those tumours that were properly conditioned to it. I know of only one delegate whose fitness remained completely unimpaired, who never missed a committee meeting, and who played till the bitter end at 2 to 3 a.m. This wonder delegate was Mrs. Roosevelt.

Not A Language

Another untiring delegate was Mr. Hector McNeill. His Scottish brogue was the despair of many listeners, and as Scottish has not yet been introduced as one of the working languages of the United Nations—Mr. John Foster Dulles, the American chief delegate, used to tune into the French translation when Mr. McNeill spoke.

Never before—and I have attended every United Nations General Assembly—did I see as many delegates accompanied by their wives. I do not suppose that this was due to the fact that the wives feared their husbands might feel too lonely in Paris.

It happened that an usherette, in the public gallery stepped up to a lady who continued to knit diligently during some world-shaking discussion and whispered that knitting was not quite the proper thing to do—it might be considered disrespectful.

The lady smiled and replied, "Don't worry, the delegate who is speaking is my husband and he is quite used to it."

The lady was the wife of Dr. Jeanne, of the American delega-

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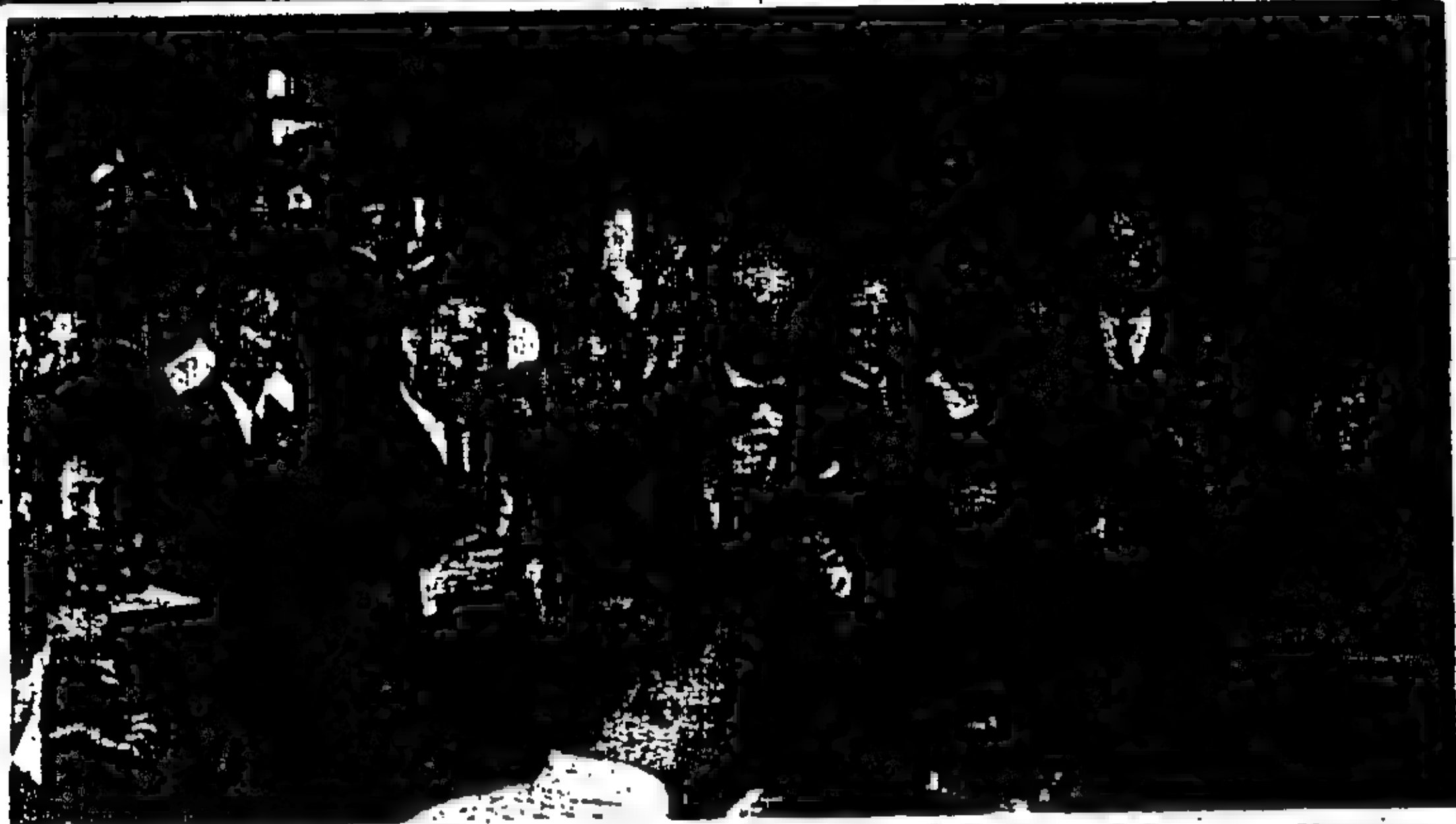
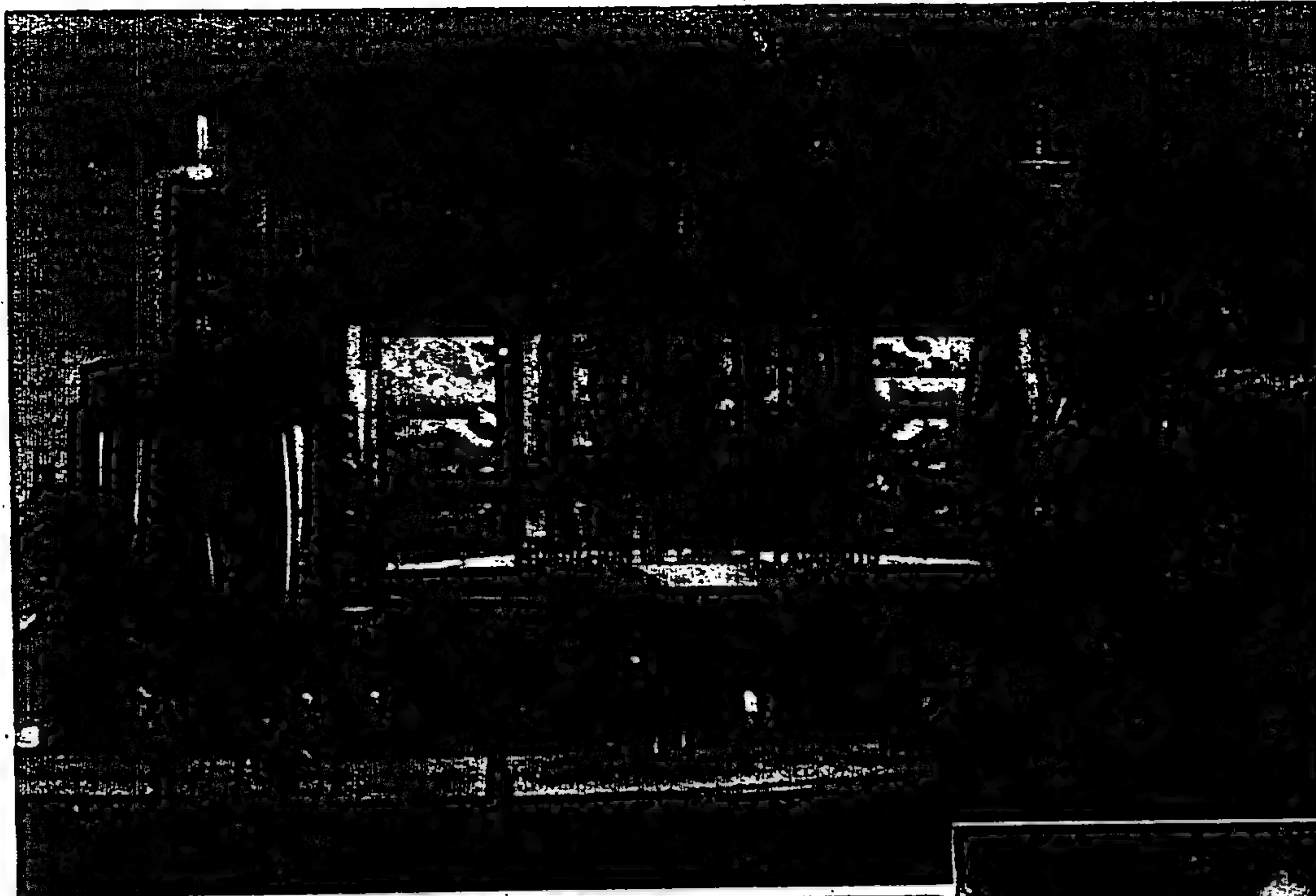


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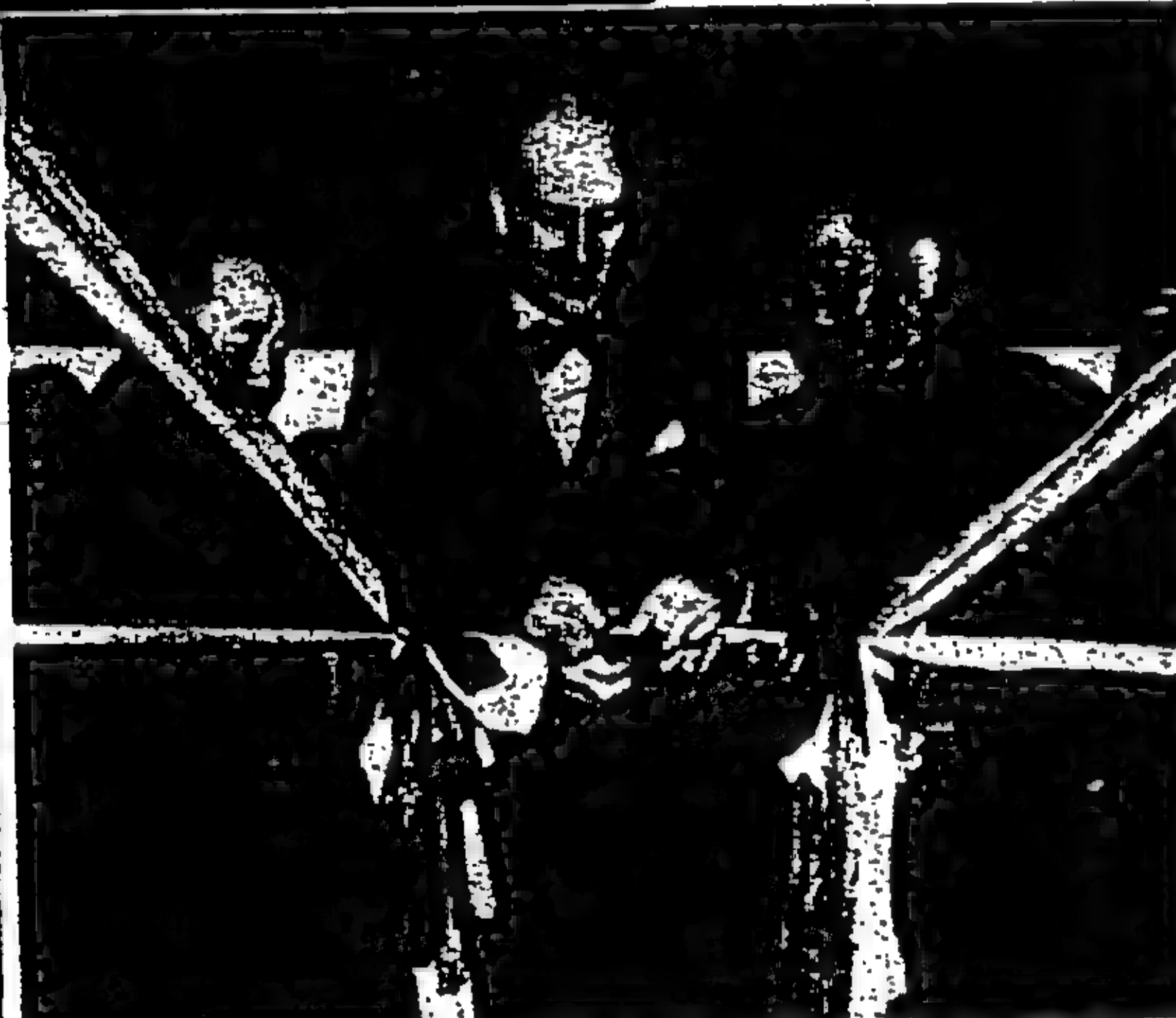
HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL FAIR

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The photograph on the left shows the main entrance to the exhibition grounds.



His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, with Mr. Shum Choy-wah, Mr. U Tat-chee and other members of the Committee of the Hong Kong Manufacturers' Union, drinking a toast to the success of the Exhibition.



His Excellency the Governor, in the presence of Mr. Shum Choy-wah and Mr. U Tat-chee, cutting the silk tape which signalled the official opening of the Exhibition.



A striking picture taken in the Exhibition grounds showing part of the large crowd which attended on the opening day.

Mr. Shum Choy-wah points out particular features of the model of one of the many new factories which have been built in Hong Kong recently in the course of a general industrial expansion. (All pictures in this page were taken by the "China Mail" staff photographer).





Photograph taken after the christening at St. Paul's Church last Sunday of Cynthia, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kam Shek-fok. (King's Studio)

Wendy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Monument of the Kowloon Docks was christened last week at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Picture above was taken after the ceremony. (China Mail photo)

Children of the Kowloon Junior School giving a performance last week at the annual prize-giving held at King George V School, Kowloon. (China Mail photo)



Another group of children of the Kowloon Junior School acting in a fairy play following the presentation of prizes by the Director of Education. (China Mail photo)



A snap of some of the happy youngsters who attended the Christmas party given by WO's and Sergeants of the 25th Field Regiment, RA at Gun Club Hill. "Santa" can be seen in the background.



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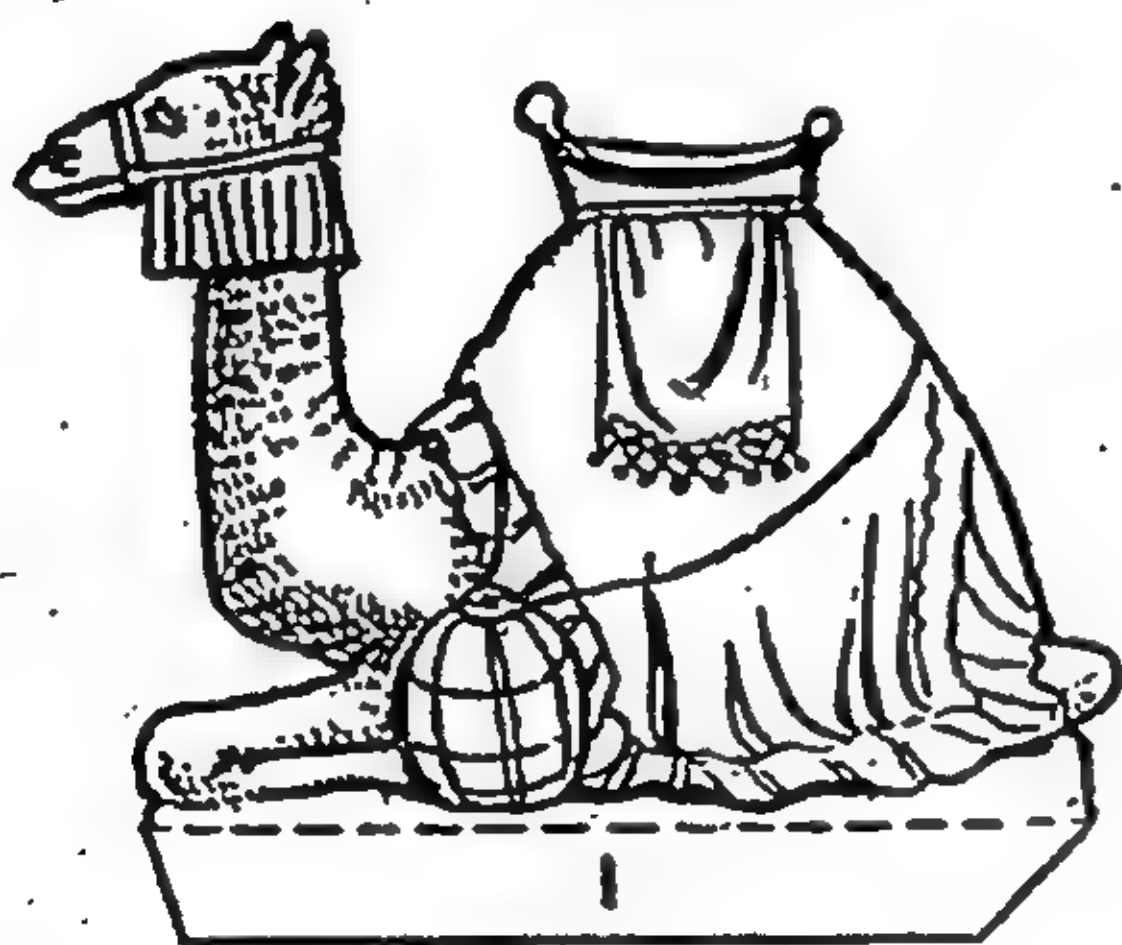
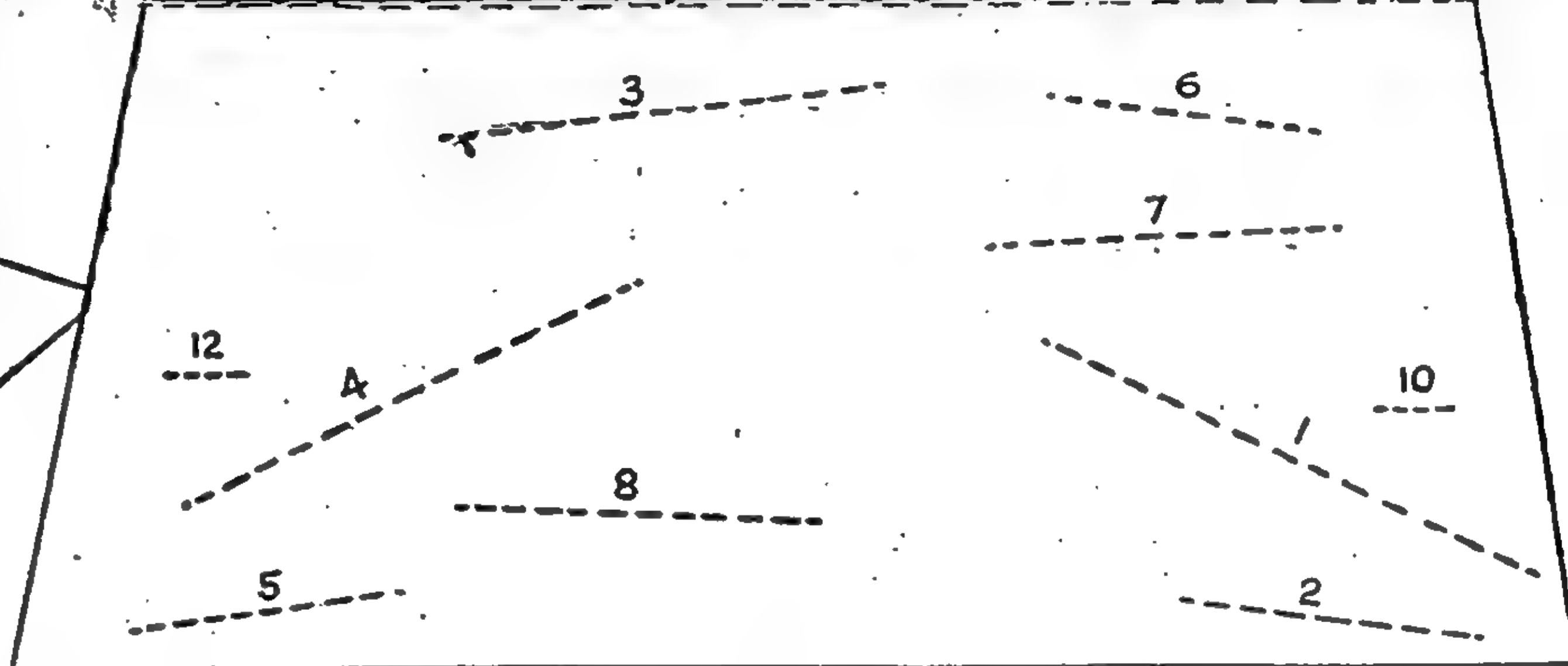
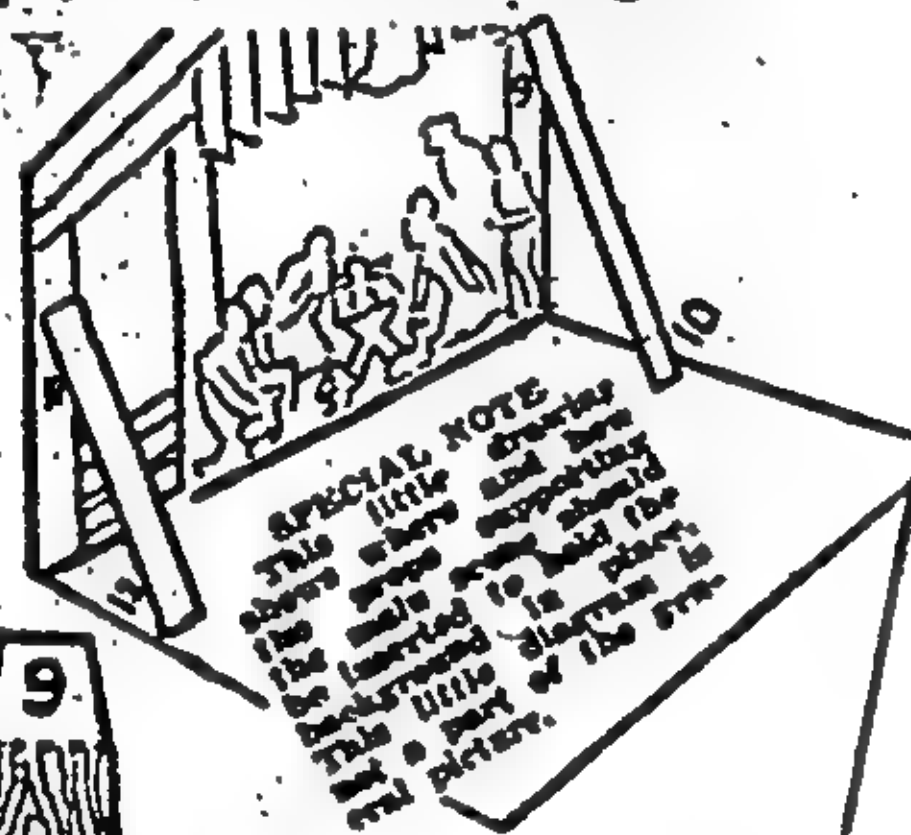
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In The Mailbag **RUSTY RILEY**

By Frank Godwin

SAMUEL SAMY, sorry to say that we won't be able to have a gathering just yet. There are hundreds of HCC Members, and we must have a very large place before we can hold a meeting. Thank you for offering to help me. I appreciate it very much. If something does turn up, I'll let you know.

SILAS TSOI, Congratulations for trying. Your story was very good and I'm going to print it. Glad to know that your friends encouraged you to write in. Now you can show them what you can do if you want to. Good Luck.

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AGE: 15.
HOBBIES: Stamps, pets, and carving.

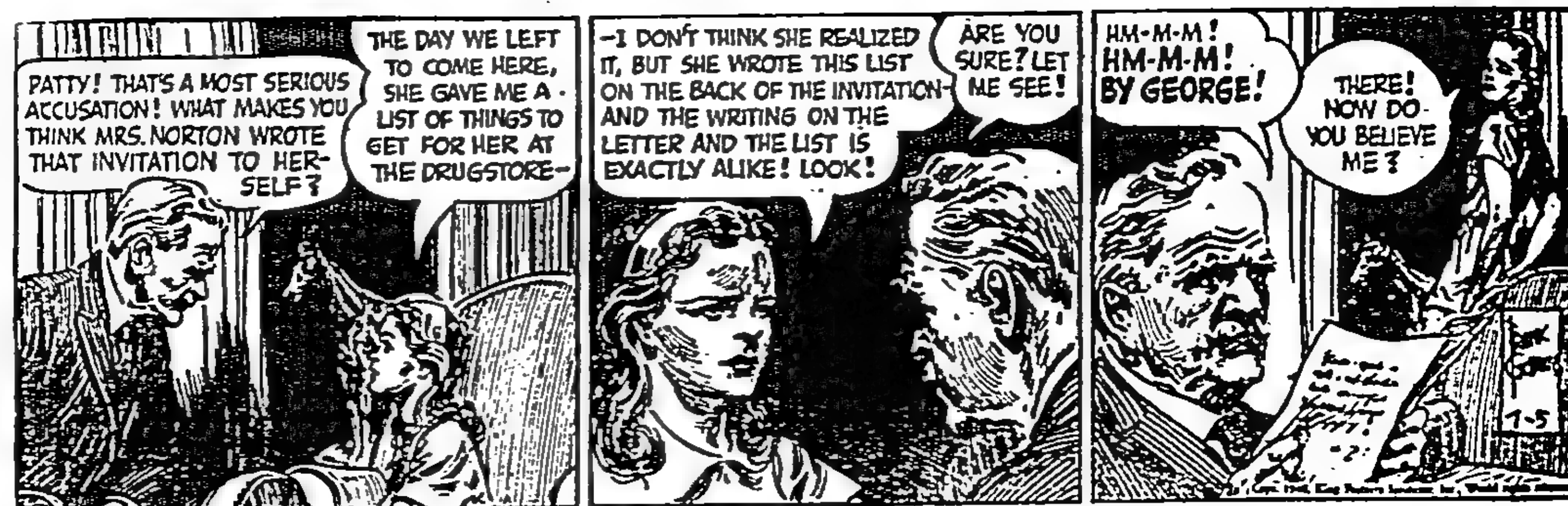
NAME: Lloyd Victor Jones.
ADDRESS: Inspectors Residence, RN. Yard, Kowloon.
AGE: Eight.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting, models, piano playing and fishing.

NAME: Adrian Jenkins.
ADDRESS: Gloucester Hotel, Room 708, Hong Kong.
AGE: 10.
HOBBIES: Like ships, cars and trains.

NAME: Michael Koodiaroff.
ADDRESS: Peninsula Hotel, Room 231, Kowloon.
AGE: 13.
HOBBIES: Building model aeroplanes.

NAME: Antony Douglas Kennedy.
ADDRESS: c/o Tai Kok Tsui Installation, Kowloon.
AGE: Nine.
HOBBIES: Comics, cinemas and fishing.

Incorrect?
Teacher: "Now Willie, correct this sentence, 'My teacher am in sight.'"
Willie: "My teacher am a sight."



Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER...

Good-morning boys and girls. Did you have a nice time yesterday? Was Santa Claus good to you this year? I do hope so, for most of you must have been good children this year and been working hard.

Thanks for all the good wishes and greetings you sent me. It was very sweet of you to remember me and I appreciate it very much.

There is something I want to tell the elder children. This is, some of you will be past 16 next year, and our club is only for children under 16. So, I wonder, if you would mind, if I ask you to join the Teen Age Topics.

I am sure you will enjoy Teen Age Topics. If you want to know more about it, write to the Editor of the Teen Age Topics and he will let you know how to become a member.

However, don't let this put you off from writing to me, for I would love to hear from you once in a while just to know how you are getting on.

I'll miss you, and wish I could keep you all in the club, but you are growing to be big boys and girls now; so, you have to start something new again and I'm sure you'll make it a success, just as you did with the "Children's Herald." Good Luck.

Clever new ideas and comments from all you readers will be greatly appreciated. For it will help to make the Supplement just the way you want it to be.

On Page 2 we have something special, so Brick Bradford will not appear this week, but will continue as usual in the next issue.

A Very Happy New Year to you all! Now I had better get back to all your letters so, until next year.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

RIDDLES

Why is a fish peddler greedy?

Answer: Because his business makes him sell fish.

What does a white stone thrown in the sea become?

Answer: Wet.

On which side of a jug is the handle?

Answer: On the outside.

HENRY GOES FISHING

It was a fine Saturday morning, but rather cold. Henry thought he would go fishing.

So he did, and when he reached the shore, he put some bait on his hook, and threw it into the water. The water was clear and Henry saw some fish coming towards the food. But he found

out later that the fish had escaped.

When Henry arrived home late with nothing, his mother asked him, "Did you have a good day?" No, mother," he replied, "I did not, but the fish did."

Honour certificate to Robert Shiu Bing Lai of 367, Queen's Road West, 2nd. floor, Hong Kong.

"NEW YEAR"

This week's competition is word-making.

Try and see how many words you can make from "New Year." There are seven letters in these two words, so you should be able to make quite a lot of smaller words from it.

When you have written out your words clearly, count them and put the total, then fill in the form clearly in capital letters and then send them to Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Mark the bottom left hand

corner of your envelope "Competition."

The closing date for your entry is Wednesday, December 29. Entries that arrive later will not be considered, so do get yours posted early.

First prize will be \$10, second prize \$7, and the third prize \$5.

There will be six certificates having five points, and four certificates having three points as consolation prizes.

All of you are good at word making and it is one of your favourite competitions. So, off you go!

(NAME)

(ADDRESS)

(AGE)

Crossword Winners

First prize of \$10 goes to Susan Lo of 197, Wanchai Road, ground floor, Hong Kong, second prize of \$7 goes to Ivy Brunwell of Queen's Bldg. Chater Road, Top floor, Hong Kong, and third prize of \$5 goes to Justin Brown of 489 King's Road, 1st. floor, Hong Kong.

Honour certificates, have been awarded to Susan Kinloch of 303, The Peak, Hong Kong, Gloria Tsang of 199 Wanchai Road, 2nd. floor, Hong Kong and Gordon Low of 2 Derby Road, Kowloon Tong.

Who Am I?

My first is in Paul but not in Saul,

My second is in Arthur and also in Agatha,

My third is in Mary and also in Harry.

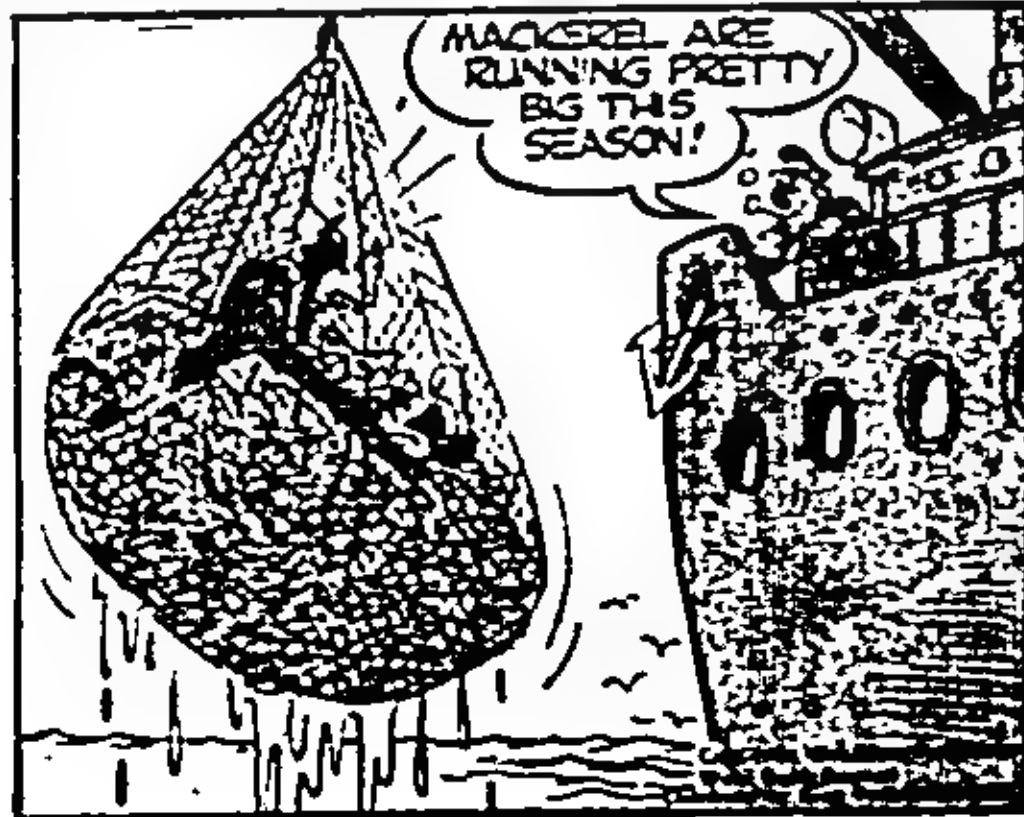
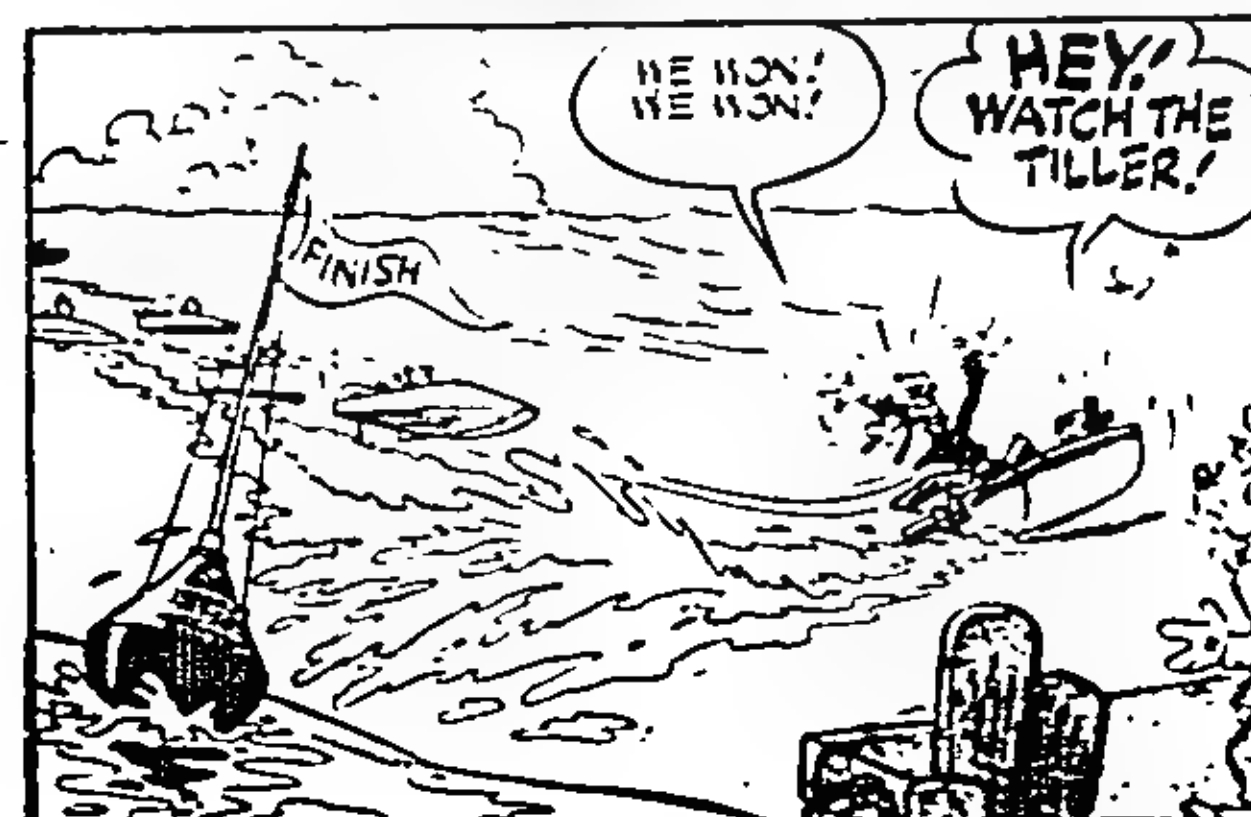
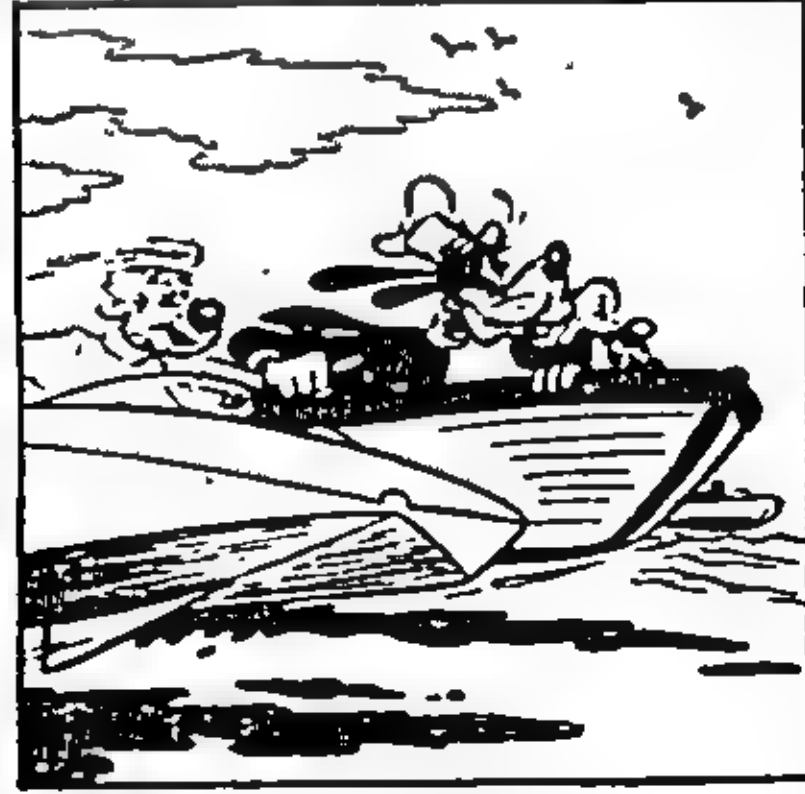
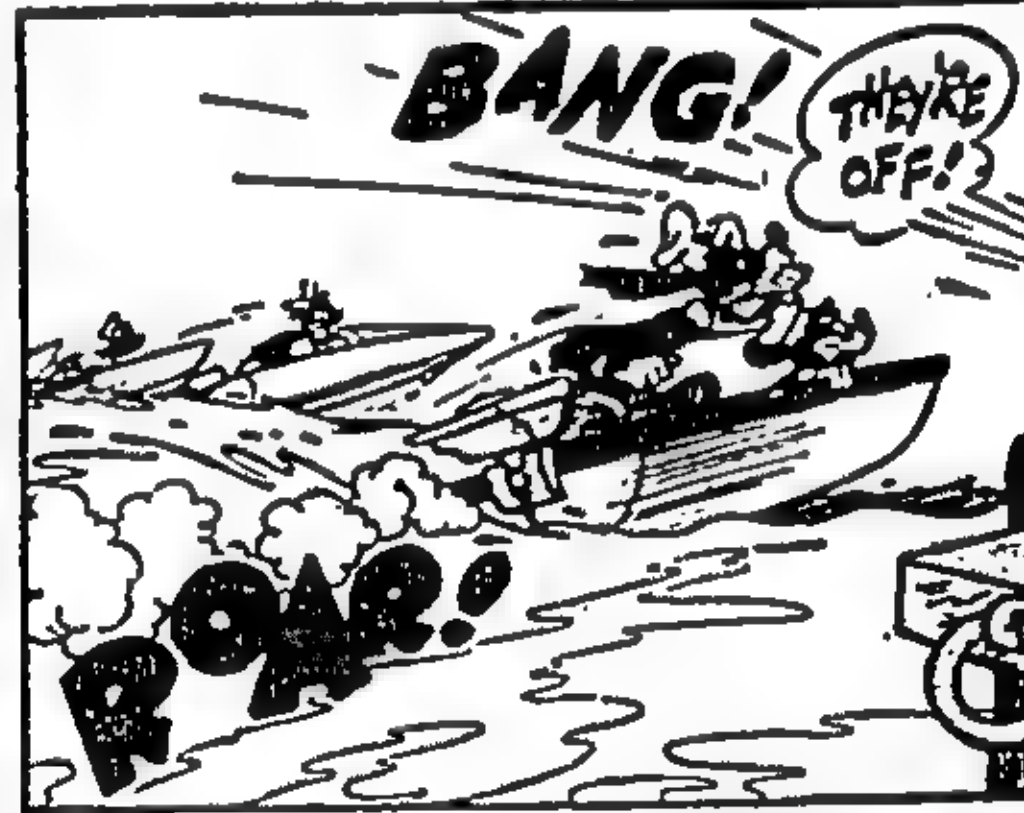
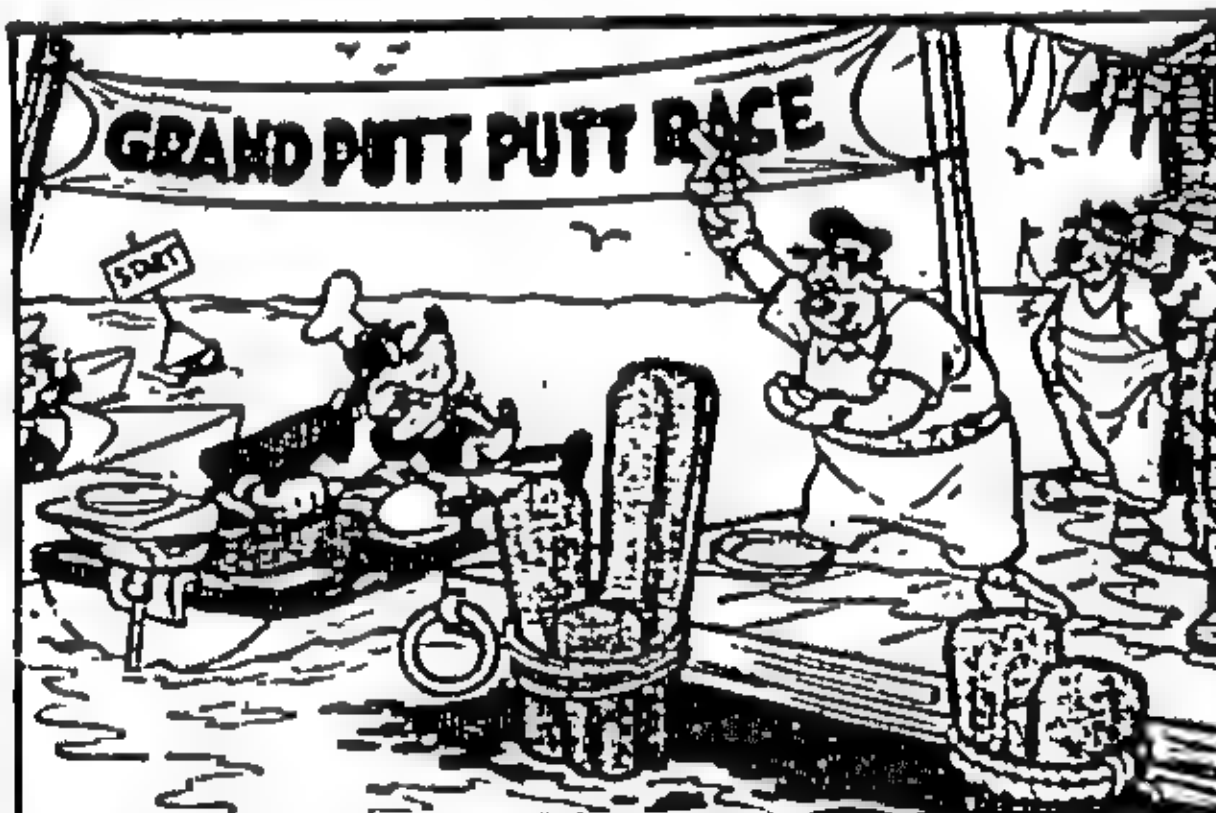
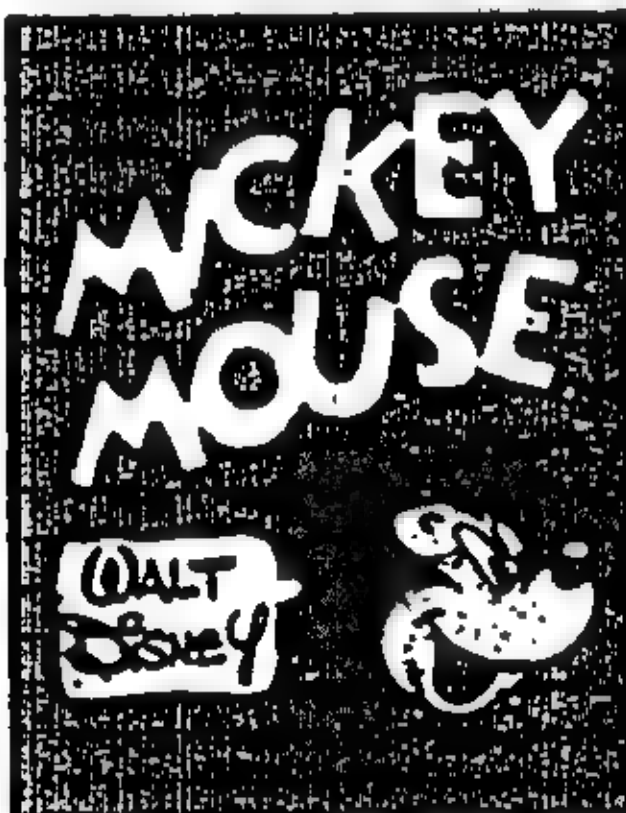
My fourth is in Timothy and also in Dorothy,

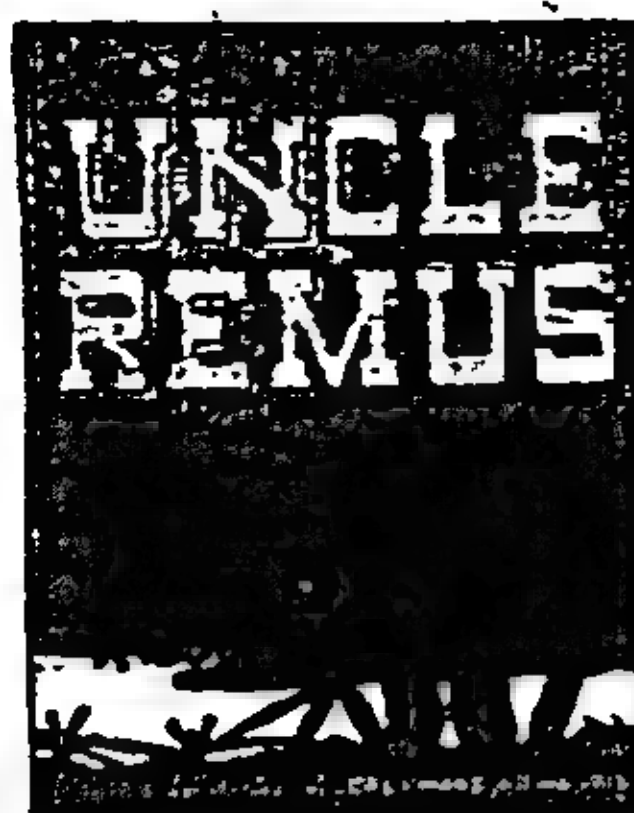
My fifth is in Nancy but not in Elsie,

My whole is something that you all like having.

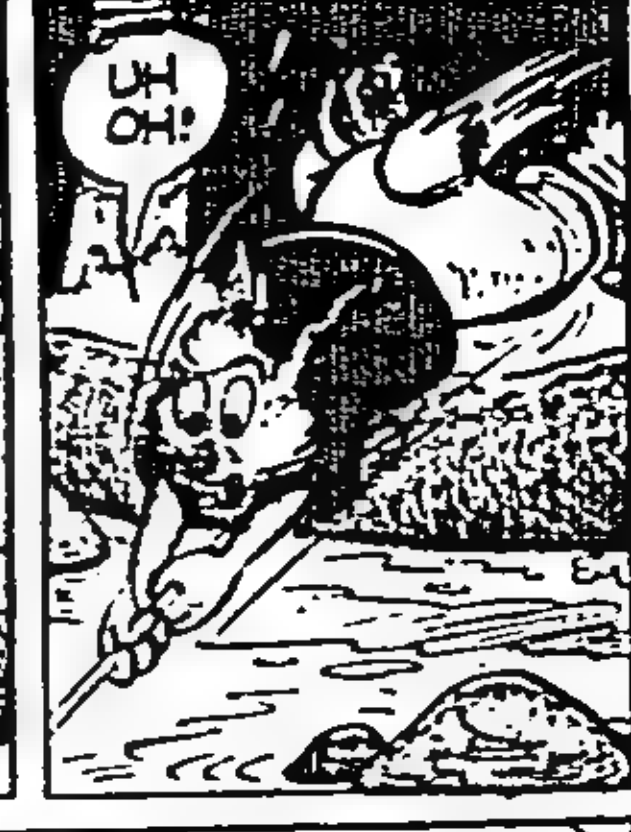
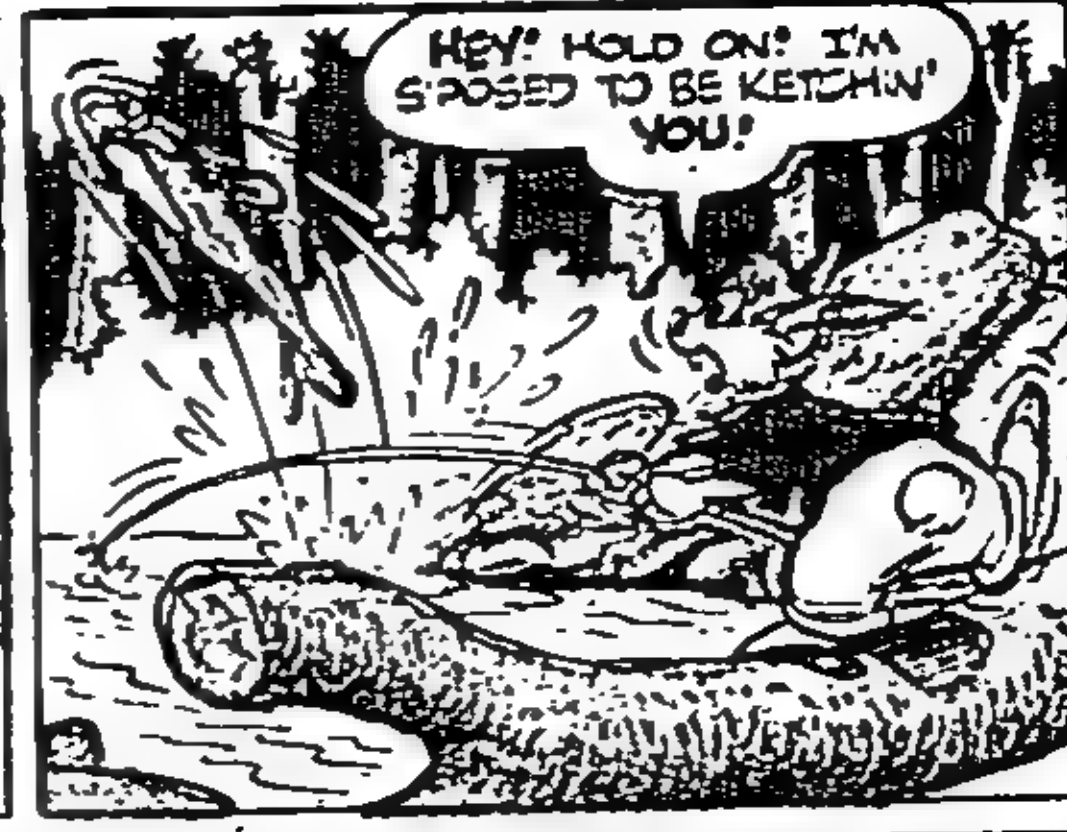
Answer: *Apple*

Honour certificate to Jessie Child aged 14 of 45, Chungking Arcade, Kowloon.





WELL, SUM, ONE TIME BRER RABBIT DIDN'T HAVE NUTHIN' BUT TIME ON HIS HANDS... SO HE WENT FISHIN'!



The Schoolboy Detective

B. MARIE MARSHALL

THE MYSTERY OF GREY ROCK CREEK

PART IV.

"He's—he's come back for it!" whispered Lionel rooted to the spot.

"Quick! He mustn't see us." Rob knew it was no use trying to throw the soil back into position. The man would see that the mound had been disturbed. Dragging the shovel along the ground, he made his way to some bushes on higher ground, overlooking the mound. Lionel followed hardly knowing whether he was walking or running.

Crouching low among the bushes, the boys waited with fast-beating hearts. The mysterious stranger, after pausing several times to turn and stare in all directions, as if fearful of being observed, came straight to the mound.

Rob nudged Lionel. So this had been the right spot after all.

When the man saw that the soil had been disturbed, he muttered something, but the fascinated watchers could not distinguish a word of what he was saying. He thrust the spade he was carrying deep into the earth and uttered a loud exclamation of satisfaction.

In a few seconds the soil was flying in heavy clouds, and then the digger paused, left his spade in an upright position in the ground and walked away a short distance into the open part of Grey Creek bed, away from the bushes.

"Let's go closer!" urged Rob. "The bushes a bit lower on this ledge will bring us almost level with the mound. He's looking to see if anyone's about. He's got the jitters all right."

The boys wriggled and wormed their way into a position where they could see the open mound. Lionel dared not look into the gaping hole.

"It's booty of some sort," whispered Rob. "I have it! The silver spoon I found."

"So—it's not a—a corpse!" Lionel breathed a sigh of relief. "I always suspect there are bodies where digging goes on!"

"Don't you remember? You said he had something tied up like a tablecloth. It's been a robbery," said Rob confidently. "Perhaps a bundle of wedding presents... There's the bundle."

He broke off and pressed himself close to the ground. The man had returned, evidently satisfied that the way was clear.

Fearful of being discovered, the boys watched him lift something from the hole. It was just as Lionel had described. The man placed the bundle, tied up like a huge pudding, on the ground, and lit a cigarette.

It was still early, and except for an occasional bird chirp, not a sound disturbed the quietness of Grey Rock Creek. And then, quite suddenly, came the sound of a car on the bridge.

The man threw down his cigarette with a muttered exclamation of annoyance, and crept forward anxiously.

"Now's our chance!" Rob could not believe his good fortune. Stretching out a hand he caught hold of the bundle and hauled it up beside him.

"Whacko!" breathed Lionel. "But listen! That car's stopped. And where's that bloke gone?"

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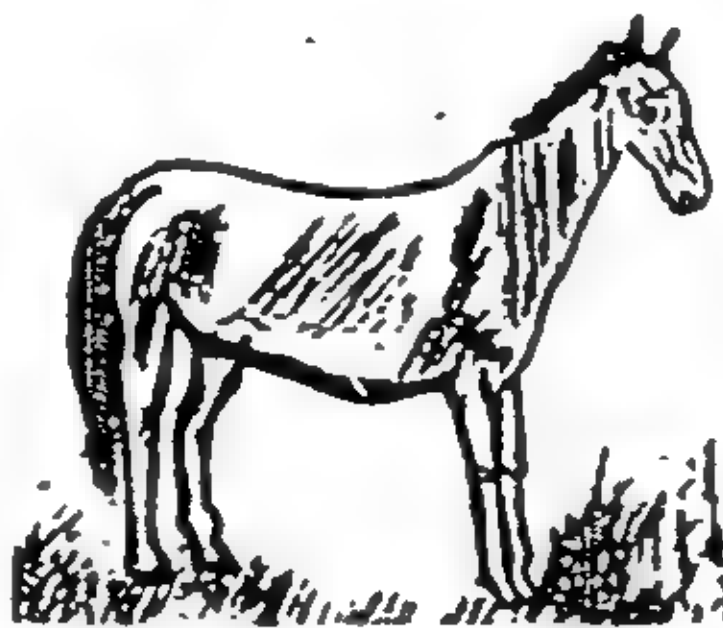
Billy came home from the birthday party looking very pleased with himself. "I hope you didn't ask for a second piece of cake, his mother said anxiously. "Oh, no," replied greedy Billy. "I took two slices the first time."

Birthday Greetings

On January 2, ROBERT MEDINA of 21 Bowington Canal Road, Hong Kong will be 14 years old.

A very happy birthday to you, Robert.

A HORSE



Honour certificate to P. Carmalt Jones aged 11, c/o R.N.A.D. Stonecutters Island

World Spotlight

The nomadic Eskimos, who inhabit Canada's Arctic regions like music. And they like it—ad

Canada's Arctic Army radio announcers report that Eskimos tastes run to recordings of cowboy laments—and the sadder the better.

The Buffalo "Courier-Express," daily newspaper of Buffalo, New York State, suggests that, if the Eskimos like sad cowboy laments, the Canadian Army Arctic stations should get recordings of Highland laments played on the pipes. Then the Eskimos would be completely happy in their sadness.

WHO AM I?

My first is in sun but not in bun.
My second is in all and also in hall.
My third is in few but not in pew.
My fourth is in tin and also in tint.
My fifth is in apple but not in kettle.
My sixth is in count and also in crown.
My seventh is in low but not in so.
My eighth is in age and also in stage.
My ninth is in under and also in thunder.
My tenth is in sound but not in noun.
My whole is so simple that you should know me by now.
For I come only once every year, and fill every child's socks with pleasure.

Help! Guess! Guess!
Ho our certificate to Irene Wang aged 14 of 1 On Lan Street 3rd Fl. Hong Kong

The Spill

John was a-riding, out for a spree.
Along came another boy, to pass him you see.

There wasn't room to pass so John gave him a frown.

But this other boy kept coming, and knocked our John down! Poor John, he landed right on his head.

Was badly hurt, and we thought he was dead.

But soon he got up again, and dusted himself down.

Then got on his bike again, and rode back to town.

Next morning he came to school, with his scars all put right.

And all the boys asked him: "Who won the fight?"

But he answered quite coolly: "Oh! I've had a spill."

But you needn't worry, for I'm not very ill.

So ends this little story.

LITTLE LUCIA

Once there lived a girl in a far off village in Spain. Her name was Lucia and she was the only girl of a very happy family.

When she was seven, a terrible thing happened. For as she was picking flowers in the forest one day, her father and mother were killed by some robbers.

So, when she found her father and mother dead, she started to cry and cry, for now she would be left all alone. As she was crying, a fairy appeared to her and said "Don't cry, Little Lucia, be brave for one day you will come to our Fairy Land and be happy with all of us."

After hearing these words, Lucia became much braver and worked much harder.

One day a prince came riding by, he saw a hut and went in, there he saw Little Lucia working very hard. The prince asked, "Little girl, why are you working so very hard?" "I want to go to Fairy Land and be happy with the faeries, that's why I'm working so hard," said Lucia.

"Yes, everybody wants to go there, but you are so young, you don't have to work so hard. Come along, I'll bring you home, to my palace," said the kind prince.

Lucia went with him to his palace and was welcomed very gladly by the King and Queen. There she stayed very happily with them, and as she grew older and older she became very pretty and was married to the prince.

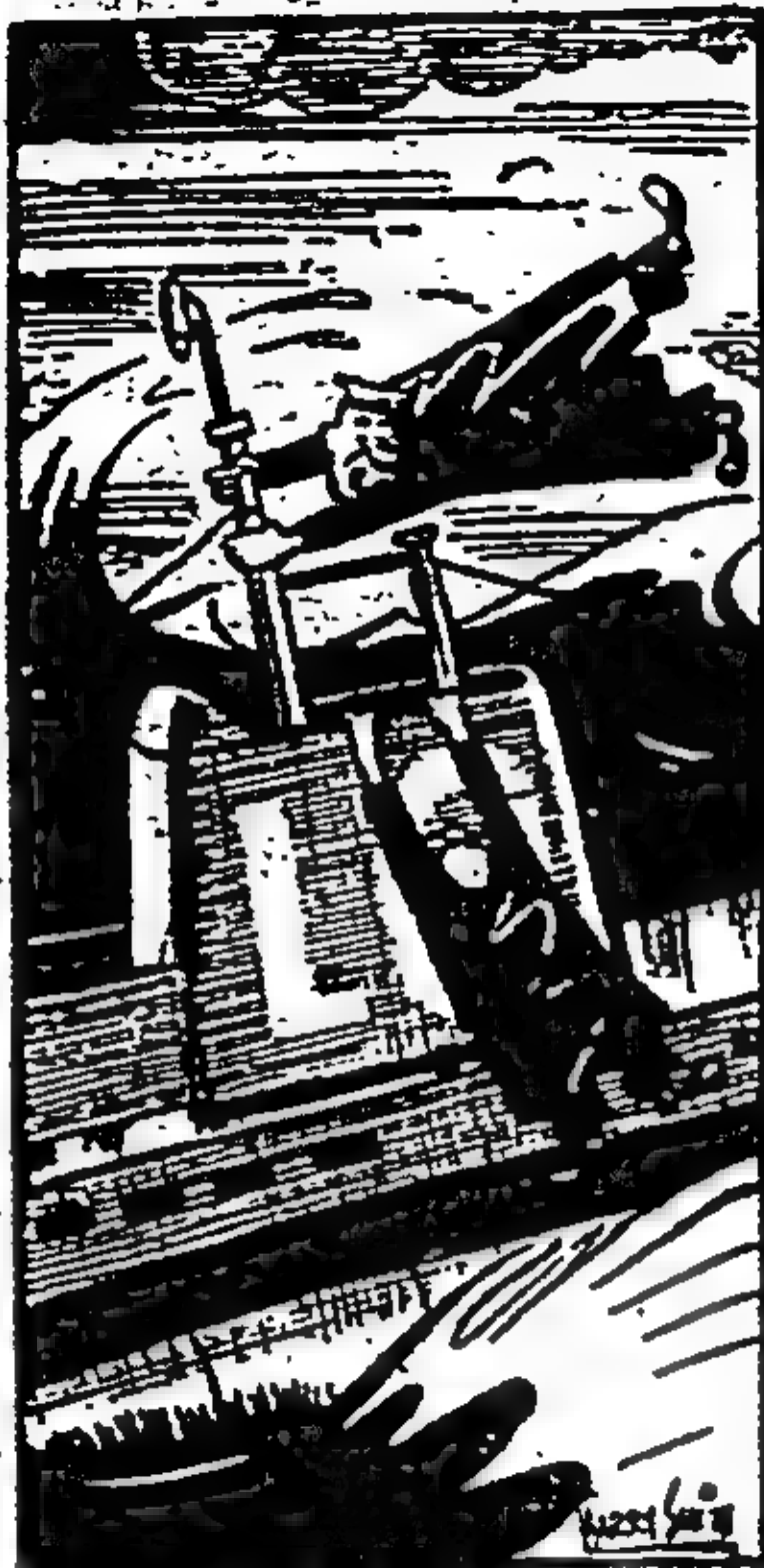
After many many years the faeries kept their promise, and came and brought both of them to Fairy Land.

Honour certificate to Alicia Yuen Garcia, aged 13, of No. 12, Ma Tau Chung Camp.

This tale of wrongs and woe, How our John gained his glory, And yet another foe!

Honour certificate to W.A. Calvert, aged 14, of H.Q. H.K.V.D. Corps Garden, Road Hong Kong.

PIGMY CARTOON



"If this is a Fleet exercise, then I'm a Chinese acrobat!"

PAIN after MEALS?

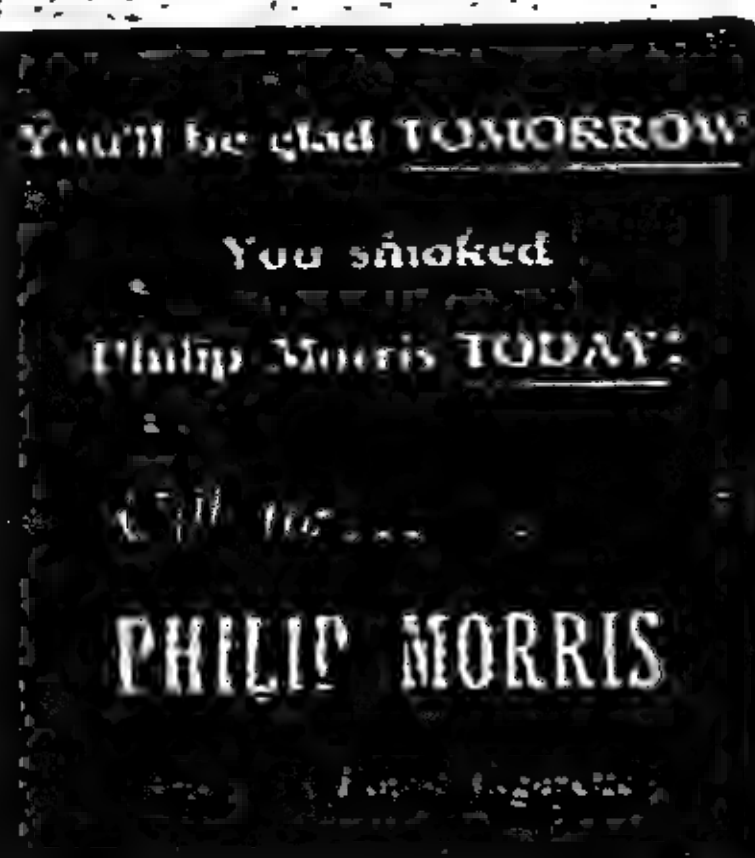
... This is what I advise



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Variety Fare

As these notes appear in print, the festivities of the holiday season will doubtless be in full swing, running the whole gamut from children's parties to the more sophisticated (or are they?) of the adults.

The Xmas Day programmes provided us with a full and varied programme, with the variety of which none but the most embittered would surely quibble.

Later in these random ramblings, the same remarks can be equally applied to the Boxing Day features, and to the programmes for the remainder of the coming week.

ELIZABETH Drown has now arrived back in the Colony and is setting about arranging and presenting a number of musical features, some of which will be found mentioned later in these columns. During her stay in England Mrs. Drown tells me she attended many "Proms" in London, and various other concerts.

Although the late Sir Henry Wood came to be identified almost exclusively with the "Proms," it is a power for good that others have been ready and willing to step into his shoes. By the good services of Sir Adrian Boult and Basil Cameron particularly, this traditional hall-mark of English musical life has continued with unabated enthusiasm.

There is about the Proms, an atmosphere which is particularly personal and completely its own. The old venue before the War was, of course, the Queen's Hall and many are the happy memories of that dear old Hall I hold. With the coming of the War and the Nazi's policy of indiscriminate bombing, it fell victim to the Fire Blitz in 1941, and only a gutted shell now remains to serve as a reminder of the great music that once was made there.

The Albert Hall is now the scene of the "Proms" and if the more intimate atmosphere of the Queen's Hall is missing, the same spirit pervades the Concerts.

The burly figure of Sir Henry Wood is now no more, the familiar red carnation in his button-hole has joined the ashes of the Queen's Hall. But, in spite of all this, the spirit of the "Proms" continues with undiminished vigour. There is no falling-off either in the quality of the music or in the standard of the great artistes who continue to appear.

The "Proms" are a traditional feature of English music and England without them is unthinkable. As Pope so aptly says "Ages cannot wither nor custom stale their infinite variety". "The Proms" to Britain are as the Metropolitan opera Season is to America.

LIVE BROADCASTS

A word in season and appreciation for the very fine concert relayed last week from the China Fleet Club. Military Bands, I must confess, are not my favourite form of musical production. This is largely due to the fact that tradition still insists on the use of the E. Flat Clarinet, a shrill instrument which I feel compares unfavourably with the more-mellow tones of its larger brothers. So, too, with the cornet, which is invariably used in Military Bands in place of the noble trumpet. There is probably good reason for both of these customs, but ignorance on my part—which I freely confess—of such reason is my excuse for putting this complaint to paper.

However, the Band of the Buffs played extraordinarily well, particularly in their handling of the score in the

Contributed By "MUSSETTA"

Grieg Pianoforte Concerto. It is good to know that Caroline Draga is back with us from Australia, her exposition of the difficult solo piano in the first movement of this Concerto was lucid and capable. This Concerto still retains its deserved popularity over the years, and I for one never tire of hearing it.

A word of congratulation, too, to the tenor, Gaston d'Aquino, who sang so well the ancient aria from Puccini's "Giocunda". Suffering from a bad cold in addition, his performance was genuine, as was his rendering of the "Flower Song" from "Larmen."

Live Broadcasts are doubly interesting in a Colony where musical talent comes out like a peacock-might amidst the gloom of crooners and "doo-bee-woogie". More please!

SUNDAY

An interesting feature at 12 noon is "I sing of a Maugen", a programme of Christmas Songs. Amongst the collection of Yule-tide music appropriate to the festive season are a number of little-known carols by Martin Shaw. Some of these are to be featured in this programme, and I thoroughly recommend they be heard. They are gems of their own, seldom enough heard.

THE BLUE ICE

To my mind, the test of a good thriller is the reader's inability to put the book down at certain crucial points in the story. I had no difficulty in laying Mr. Hammond's book down at any point, yet the plot was well-conceived, and conformed to the approved formula for creating a macabre atmosphere—even to the midnight exhumation of a battered corpse in a moonlit churchyard. The story, of a mining engineer who found evidence of valuable mineral deposits beneath the blue ice of the Jokulen glacier in central Norway, is sufficiently credible. So in itself, is the chase which develops between the mineralogist and the representatives of rival industrial concerns who are trying to track down his secret. The trouble is, I think, that Mr. Innes knows his Norwegian background rather too well, and in striving to give authenticity to the story, succeeds only in slowing up the plot. During the man-hunt which brings the tale to what should have been a thrilling climax, the chase is virtually suspended for minutes at a time by the author's long, and no doubt excellent, descriptions of the surrounding scenery. Shorn of its guide-book atmosphere, "The Blue Ice" would be a good, fast-moving thriller giving more than average entertainment.

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Dr. Louis Beel, former Dutch Premier, and Dr. Soekarno.
2. Lighter.
3. Dr. Wu Te-Chen.
4. Sheik Hussan Meddin Jarallah.
5. Sir C. Aubrey Smith.
6. Basalt Island.
7. Mr. Sean O'Kelly.

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The Case Of The Volume Of Poe

(Continued from Page Three)
Examination was brief. Suicide, thought the doctor was unlikely. Everything pointed to murder. The knife had been handy; it was the sort of thing one would expect to find in an antique shop.

"Did you ever see that knife before, Mr. Allardyce?" asked Slater.

"No," said Allardyce, entirely certain he had never seen it until now.

There was further questioning of the tradesmen who had first entered the shop, and at length the body was removed in a police ambulance. A uniformed policeman was left in charge, and shortly thereafter Slater and Considine also went away, accompanied by Allardyce. Woolfolk had hurried off, presumably to phone the Globe office.

On the sidewalk Allardyce asked:

"What do you want me to do, Sergeant?"

Slater said: "You can go home. We know who you are and where to reach you. You'll be wanted at the inquest, of course."

With hand waves, Sergts. Slater and Considine sauntered off and the small crowd gradually dissipated. Allardyce left the sidewalk and cut diagonally across the street; and at the same instant Dane Woolfolk, who had been watching him from a nearby doorway, followed.

(A suspicious stain in an old book spurs an amateur detective to more effort in next week's stirring installment.)

Keeping The Vitamins In Rice

Parboiling treatment of rice before milling and its effect on the vitamin content have been the subject of extensive experiments by Dr. J.J.C. Hinton of the Research Association of British Flour Millers at St. Albans.

Hinton's account of his investigation is published in the current issue of the science periodical "Nature". He points out that treatment of unhulled rice with hot water and steam and conversion processes results in a higher content of vitamin B1. The object of his experiments has been to determine how treatments of this nature affect the retention and redistribution of vitamins in rice after milling. Further experiments were designed to show to what extent the germ was retained in the cereal after milling following parboiling.

The experiments confirm that parboiling and conversion do lead to the redistribution of vitamin B1 in the grain with the result that the endosperm is considerably enriched. Furthermore, there is an indication that simple steeping in hot water alone results in some enrichment of the endosperm though it seems probable that maximum redistribution depends on water condensing or being otherwise present on the surface of the grain and entering into the gelatinising endosperm.

Hinton's experiments also confirm that in milled parboiled rice, as compared with milled raw rice, there is greater retention of the scutellum section of the germ. This appears to be due largely to the endosperm gelatinising immediately under the germ and thus acting as a cementing layer so that the germ is not so easily knocked out during milling. However, it is not clear how far retention of the germ is responsible for higher vitamin B1 content. A factor which probably occurs and governs this is the amount of free water associated

Health Page

Streptomycin Not A Cure But

The report of a Committee appointed by Britain's Medical Research Council, shows that streptomycin can be of great value in acute and especially in early tuberculosis cases, before cavities form in the lungs. Dr. Marc Daniels, author of the report, emphasises that the new treatment is not a "cure" for tuberculosis, as no patient in this trial has been freed of the infection, nor does it render other treatments obsolete; it is a welcome addition to the weapons mankind has against this disease.

A trial, carried out in seven British hospitals, has been a controlled one in which the progress of treated cases can be compared with that of similar untreated "controls." A similar controlled trial was adopted in Britain some years ago when gold treatment of tuberculosis proved unsuccessful. The present trial was restricted to patients aged 15-30 years with acute progressive tuberculosis of both lungs. Some 167 patients were chosen in January, 1947 when the trial started. Of these,

with the grain when gelatinisation occurs which, in turn, will largely determine the amount of vitamin B1 retained in the germ. Hinton advocates further study on how far the type and severity of milling process and conditions of pretreatment influence the quality of the final product since a high content of the germ is desirable apart from considerations of vitamin B1 alone.

55 were allotted to the streptomycin (S) group and 52 to the control (C) group. To remove any possibility of bias, progress was estimated from X-ray films by independent radiologists and clinicians who did not know from which group the films came.

All patients were kept in bed on the same general regimen, but the S group received 2g. of streptomycin daily by intramuscular injection for four months. By then 7.3 per cent. of the S cases died compared with 27 per cent. from the C. group, a difference that would not occur by chance once in 100 times. Considerable improvement was noted in 27 (49 per cent.) of the S patients but in only four (7.7 per cent.) of the C patients. This difference was almost entirely accounted for by the remarkable efficacy of streptomycin in the patients who were most seriously ill at the start of the trial.

At the end of a year, 12 S cases (22 per cent.) were dead compared with 24 dead (46 per cent.) in the C group. The proportion of cases showing considerable improvement rose to 31 per cent. in the C group whereas in the S group the figure had only slightly risen to 38 per cent. between the end of the fourth and twelfth month.

The medical Committee is satisfied that the new weapon should be used with strict discrimination. For the individual patient this means that the drug may be effective only once during his illness and the time to give it must be carefully chosen.

TRUE NATURE OF LOVE

Is love physical attraction? Is it how another person makes you feel? Is it "liking the same things"—or even needing the other person? November Reader's Digest brings you a condensation from F. Alexander Magoun's widely read book, "Love and Marriage." Read what love (the most powerful force in the world) really consists of... and how common misconceptions about it can bring heartache into any marriage. Get your Reader's Digest today.

Also in Reader's Digest

"Do the thing you fear." Afraid to make a speech? Does your voice quaver, throat dry up? That's natural, says Dale Carnegie. Read how the man who's taught thousands to speak stumbled on the secret of conquering fear... and his five rules for making anyone an adequate speaker. (Condensed from *Your Life*)

Wind, sand and movie stars. Jail prisoners are taken out to all meals; Sinatra has a piano-shaped swimming pool; a hotel room costs up to \$37 a day. Description of eye-popping Palm Springs, Calif., where movie stars relax in bejeweled dark glasses—and as little else as the law allows. (Condensed from *Harper's Magazine*)

22-page condensation from "Wine, Women and Words." Billy Rose has been speed-champ steno, big-time song writer, famed night club boss, one of our great showmen—and now turns out a widely read newspaper column. Here he frankly and amusingly tells his meteoric life story, from grinding poverty to colossal wealth.

Still want to blow your top? It's only normal to get angry (in fact, it's a basic animal impulse)—but finding safe and sane outlets for anger can spare you unhappiness, even illness. Greer Williams tells what happens to you physically when angered... gives sound advice on the best ways to let off steam. (Condensed from *Better Homes and Gardens*)

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THE CASE OF THE VOLUME OF POE

By Vincent Starrett

Emerging from a small restaurant shortly after nine o'clock of an autumn evening—it was his practice to dine late—young Mr. Charles Allardyce swung Northward for two squares, then bent his head beneath an awning, and entered the antique shop of an old friend.

Over the door and on the window, in addition to the proprietor's name—Delos DeGollyer—were the words in large capitals, OLD THINGS. Because of this Allardyce had bestowed a similar name on his friend by the simple expedient of dropping an s.

"Well, Old Thing," he observed briskly when the bell above the door had tinkled twice (once when it opened and once when it closed), "how are—?"

He was about to ask genially and as usual, "How are things?" but interrupted himself when he discovered that DeGollyer had a customer. The dimness of Old Thing's bazaar made it difficult some times to be certain that DeGollyer was alone. The antiquarian was not fond of glaring lights; he said they hurt his eyes. A single large light, well to the rear of the establishment, was all that he permitted himself. It illumined brilliantly one side of a cabinet of majolica horrors and about half a section of disreputable books, leaving the rest of the shop in an interesting and somewhat fantastic twilight that became dimmer as it approached the surrounding walls—except at the front, where the lights of the street outside helped the casual purchaser to enter without breaking his neck.

Interrupting his jovial greeting, Allardyce said "Oh, beg pardon!" noting as he did so that DeGollyer's customer was a woman. A young woman, he assumed from her figure and carriage.

He removed his hat, hung it on the head of a plaster Arab with striking effect, lighted a cigarette, and listened to what was going forward at the back of the shop. The hat was much too large for the Bedouin, who was merely a bust intended to horrify cultured visitors in middle class drawing rooms. "I am sorry," the young woman was saying. "I have been told that it is worth at least a hundred dollars. I hoped to get that for it."

Allardyce smiled a sympathetic smile. Apparently he had arrived at a critical moment. There was a curious coincidence in the situation. He had been hoping to get a hundred dollars himself for some days past, but a reluctant parent in the East was holding out on him. What in the world, he wondered, was worth a hundred dollars to an antique dealer in upper Broadway? He heard the bass rumble of DeGollyer answering. "I'm sorry too, but on my honour, if I had a hundred dollars to spare I'd shut up the shop and take a holiday."

This was perfectly true, as Allardyce happened to know. DeGollyer paid his rent each month with an old-fashioned punctiliousness, then began to save all over again for his long-deferred vacation.

"It may be worth a hundred," continued the dealer. "I won't deny it. But I can't purchase at that figure, nor half it. Look here—I'll tell you what I'll do. Leave it with me, if you care to, and I'll try to interest someone in it. I have one or two customers who might care for it. Are you in a hurry to sell?"

"I'm afraid I am." There was something between a laugh and a sob in the young woman's reply.

Somebody else, thought Allardyce, who needed a hundred dollars. Well, that made three of them—himself, DeGollyer, and the young woman with something to sell. Birds of a feather! He squinted back at her, trying to make out her features in the semi-darkness, but they were turned from him. DeGollyer's aquiline beak and

high white forehead were all that were clearly visible.

Now the antique dealer was answering. "Well," he was saying, "you'd better take it to one of the larger dealers in the Loop tomorrow. I don't suppose you have to have the hundred tonight. Try Bancroft. He's a good man, and he'll treat you fairly. Here, I'll give you his card."

So it was a book, thought Allardyce. A bit shabby of DeGollyer not to have called him into the conference. Books were his hobby, and he knew something about them, too. But DeGollyer of course knew very well that his friend Allardyce was not carrying a hundred dollars around in his vast pocket.

The fact was, DeGollyer had forgotten that his friend had entered the shop. Suddenly he remembered him. "Oh, I say," he went on hurriedly, "here's the very man. Mr. Allardyce can tell us what it's worth. He's a collector and an expert."

The collector and expert moved eagerly toward the light. Nodding his acknowledgment of the handsome introduction, he received the book from its owner's hand. A pair of worried blue eyes looked into his.

"I've been told," the girl repeated apologetically, "that it's worth a hundred dollars."

By George, she was lovely! If his own husband had arrived that morning he might have been tempted to buy the book without looking at it. He felt her blush under his admiring scrutiny, and so he dropped his eyes to the volume.

"Yes," he agreed, after a hasty examination, "there's no doubt of that. I should say it is worth considerably more than a hundred dollars. Nothing extravagant, you know—but it's a rare book and its condition is very good."

It was a slender volume of poems by Edgar Allan Poe, of the edition known to collectors as the third.

"It was great—aunt's," she explained.

If it had been a first edition instead of a third, added Allardyce with a smile, "it would have been worth several thousands."

"Good gracious!" said the volume's owner. "Are you sure it isn't a first?"

"Quite sure. There are less than a dozen firsts in existence." He hesitated. "I think Mr. DeGollyer's advice is good, Miss—?" Again he hesitated, but she did not supply the name he had hoped to hear. "Yes, I think you had better take it to Bion Bancroft, or leave it with Mr. DeGollyer to sell for you."

"I would give you a receipt for it, of course," added the shopkeeper.

After a moment she made up her mind. "Thank you," she answered. "I'll think it over tonight, and I shall bring it in again tomorrow?"

She held out her hand for the book, nodded brightly to them both, and allowed the antique dealer to conduct her to the door. He was certain, he told her, that she would fall over a sofa or something if she attempted the dangerous passage without a guide.

Then again the doorbell tinkled. Looking after her, Allardyce saw her turn South in Broadway and vanish beyond the line of the window. DeGollyer, standing for a moment at his shop door, saw her cross the street at the nearest intersection and walk East in the intersecting avenue. No doubt others saw her, thereafter, but without knowledge of what she carried. She would inevitably attract attention. As Allardyce already had decided she was a beautiful young woman.

For nearly an hour, then, the two men, so far apart in years, sat and talked in the semi-darkness of the strange establishment, and wondered why so attractive and respectable a

young woman should suddenly need a 100 dollars.

"Do you know," said Allardyce at last, "I almost wish I had followed her. She may never return."

DeGollyer laughed in his beard. "Is this weird array of bottles and brasses and things," he commented. "These gargoyles and griffins, so to speak. They make romance out of sordid reality—particularly at night. I often feel that way myself. But really, you know, she was only a pretty girl in need of a hundred dollars. The city is full of them, I imagine."

"They don't all own copies of the 1831 Poe retorted Allardyce, rising to depart. "Well, I'll see you in the morning. Old Thing. I'm curious to know whether she comes back."

It was to be some days before he found out, however, for in the morning he pushed past a morbid throng outside the door of Old Thing's shop, to stare in horror at the murdered body of Old Thing on the floor inside, surrounded by tradesmen, chipped china and city detectives.

CHAPTER II

Dane Woolfolk, of the Evening Globe pushed his way through the crowd about 20 minutes later. Detective Sergeants Slater and Considine looked at each other as if to say: Well, here's that pest Woolfolk again!

It was "Wolffy." Woolfolk's habit to appear on such scenes only a few minutes after the police themselves. He had another habit that worried the police even more than his astonishing timeliness. He picked up valuable clues that detectives overlooked.

The corpse had been lifted from the floor and now lay an ancient settee. Crime Scribe Woolfolk approached it, looked down at the body, then at Sergeants Slater and Considine and asked, "Who's it?"

Considine said: "His name's DeGollyer. This was his shop. He was found this way, this morning, by a neighbour. There was a knife in his heart. He was on the floor to begin with. The first men in here moved the body to this couch."

"Who found him?"

"The man next door. His name's Hiram Haines. He's real estate dealer."

"Robbery?" queried Woolfolk.

"We don't know," said Slater. "The front door was unlocked. Anybody could have walked in."

"Mmm," murmured the reporter, glancing about as he asked, "Where's the knife?"

"It's still in him, but we've covered it up. We're waiting for the coroner." Woolfolk moved closer to the detectives and lowered his voice. "Who's the pale young man in the rear?"

"Charles Allardyce," answered Slater. "Friend of the victim," he added. "Knows nothing about the murder."

"So he says, eh? Are you sure?"

"Sure enough. He seems honest and tells a straight story." "May I question him?"

"Yeah. If he wants to answer your questions, it's all right with me."

"What did he tell you?"

"He was here with DeGollyer last night until the old man closed up. But he didn't actually see him lock up."

"He says not. Never many customers, he says. The old man was in good spirits. Apparently no suicide."

"Did DeGollyer have anything valuable in the shop?"

"I asked this Allardyce that. He doesn't think so. Probably nothing in the place worth more than ten dollars."

"Yes," said Woolfolk, "but that doesn't mean much. It's in places like this you find the missing crown jewels and that sort of thing."

He strolled to the rear and sat down in a chair facing Allardyce who looked up in a bewildered way.

"You're Mr. Allardyce," began the reporter. "My name's Woolfolk. Globe reporter. The police don't mind my talking to you, if you don't mind talking. May I ask you a few questions?"

Allardyce hesitated, then said: "I'm afraid there isn't much I can tell you. I told the police everything I know."

"I'd like to get it in your own words," urged the reporter. "You were with Mr. DeGollyer last night. You left just before he closed. Now what time would that be?"

"I came in a little after nine and stayed until about ten, I suppose; maybe ten-fifteen. I walked around after-



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ward for about half an hour, then went home. I got home about eleven, I remember."

"There wasn't anybody else in the shop when you were here?"

"Not while I was with him—no! Unless somebody was hiding somewhere." Allardyce had hesitated before answering and the reporter noted it.

"You're sure of that?"

"Quite sure."

Why under the sun, Allardyce wondered, hadn't he told the police about the girl who needed a hundred dollars? It was too late now. He must stick to his story. A chivalrous emotion had made him conceal the fact of the girl's visit; and also his belief that she could have had nothing to do with murder.

The police, he knew, would take no such view of the situation. He realized, too, that there might be trouble for him if she were discovered. Good—Lord, what a mess it might be! It was even possible that the girl would come forward, once the story of the murder was made public. Well, it was too late now to change his tune.

Woolfolk was studying him. "What did you and Mr. DeGollyer talk about?" the reporter asked suddenly.

Allardyce considered. He could hardly answer that question fully either. So he said: "Books, for one thing. Nothing was said that would suggest—this—if that is what you mean."

"Wolffy" continued his scrutiny as he switched to:

"Did he have any enemies?"

"Not that I know. He may have had. He never mentioned any to me. He didn't have many friends either. I suppose I was his closest friend. He was a lonely old man."

The reporter nodded, a glaze in his eye. "Yes," he said, "that's it—why should anybody want to murder a lonely old man? Unless he had something valuable in the shop and somebody knew it!" He leaned forward and stared significantly into Allardyce's eyes. "Eh?"

But Allardyce shook his head. "I'm sure he didn't have anything of much value. If he had, he'd have sold it. He was generally hard up."

"Maybe he had something valuable and didn't know it," persisted Woolfolk but again Allardyce nodded in the negative.

The crime scribe stood up. "Well, many thanks," he said. "Sorry to have had to bother you."

But "Wolffy" was not sorry. With the peculiar prescience of good reporters, he now felt what he would have called a hunch. He was certain that Allardyce was concealing vital information. He returned to the detectives as the coroner's assistants arrived.

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Listening-Post

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Programme News

FORCES' HOME LINK

A CHRISTMAS-TIDE link between the Forces in the Far East and their families at home in Great Britain has been arranged by the BBC and Radio SEAC. In order that listeners in all areas will be able to tune in to the programme in the General Overseas Service on Monday at 5.30 p.m. it is being broadcast on the following wavelengths: 25.38, 19.82, 16.84, and 13.97 m.

HOMELESS AUDIENCE

IN THIS WEEK'S 'Have a Go!' quiz programme Wilfred Pickles visits the crypt of St. George's Church, Leeds. In the crypt food and lodging are provided for the homeless, and Pickles' audience will consist entirely of such unfortunate wanderers. Among these wanderers there should be some with unusual stories to tell. They can be heard in the General Overseas Service on Friday at 10.15 a.m.

A MODERN INFLUENCE

THE SUBJECT of this week's talk 'From the Third Programme' is Franz Kafka, the Austrian poet and writer of psychological fiction, who was born in Prague of Jewish parentage. His three novel 'The Trial', 'The Castle', and 'America', all of which are studies in frustration, were published after his death. His work has since had a very great influence on other writers, out of all proportion to its amount.

The talk will be given by Rex Warner, a classical scholar, who has taught in schools in Egypt and in England, and has been Director of the British Institute in Athens. Among his own books, 'The Professor' and 'The Wild Goose Chase' show Kafka's influence. General Overseas Service on Tuesday at 5.30 p.m.

'LOBSTER FEVER'

LEO WALMSLEY is an author who has made peculiarly his own the North East coast of England and the fishermen who work there, for it is an open secret that his 'Bramblewick' is Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire, and his Burnharbour the nearby town of Whitby. Walmsley's books on fishermen are immensely real and he knows his subject very thoroughly. Now one of his books, 'Three Fevers', has been adapted as a radio play by F. A. Carter and Rex Tucker, and entitled 'Lobster Fever'. It can be heard in the General Overseas Service on Thursday 5.00 p.m.

B.B.C. Highlights

Sunday, December 26

Eastern Service

P.M.

10.30 Radio Drama John Gielgud in 'THE FAMILY REUNION' Part 2—by T. S. Eliot.

General Overseas Service

A.M.

9.30 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE—'from St. John the Baptist Church, Greenhill, Harrow, Middlesex, conducted by the Rev. Joost de Blank
10.15 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS—Band of the Royal Artillery (Portsmouth) Conducted by Capt. Bruce Salmon.
10.45 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE—by the Rt. Rev. J. W. C. Wand, D.D., Bishop of London.

P.M.

12.30 'THE CHRISTMAS CHILD'—A Modern Nativity Play by D. G. Elidson. Music chosen by A. L. Lloyd and arranged by Matyas Seiber.
1.15 JOYCE GRENFELL—in an intimate interlude, with Viola Tunnard at the piano.
2.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP—from Thirsk Parish Church, Yorkshire, conducted by the Rt. Rev. W. H. Raddeley, Bishop of Whitby.
2.30 FOOTBALL RESULTS—of Christmas day.
2.45 FOOTBALL FIXTURES—for Boxing Day.
4.30 SUNDAY SERVICE—from Thirsk Parish Church, Yorkshire, conducted by the Rt. Rev. W. H. Raddeley, Bishop of Whitby.
5.30 STORYTELLERS' CLUB—President: Algernon Blackwood.
8.15 'ITMA'—Christmas Edition.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 CONCERTO—A series of weekly programmes Vivaldi and Bach Concerto in A minor for four pianos and strings (Vivaldi, arr. Bach) and pianos and strings (Bach), played by Kathleen Belford, Catherine Shanks, Wight Henderson, Robert Irving, and the BBC Scottish Orchestra, conductor, Ian Whyte. Programme also includes Chaconne in G minor for Strings (Purcell, arr. Whitaker) and The Water Music (Handel, arr. Hart).

Monday, December 27

General Overseas Service

P.M.

12.30 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

—Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult
Symphonie Suite: Scheherazade.
Rimsky-Korsakov.

1.15 Elsie and Doris Walters in GERT AND DAISY'S CHRISTMAS WORKING PARTY—Guest artist: Harry Hemsley. At the pianos, Eric James and George Myddleton. BBC Revue Orchestra under the direction of Frank Cantell.
4.15 Naughton Wayne and Basil Radford in 'THE CURSE OF THE BLOCKLEIGHS'—A Ghost Story with a Difference, by John Jowett.
5.30 TWO-WAY FAMILY FAVOURITES WITH RADIO SEAC—(On 19.82, 19.76, 16.84, 13.93, 11.49 m).
6.30 A Celebration by THE KENTUCKY MINSTRELS of their Hundredth Performance—A black-faced Minstrel show Guest artist: Edric Connor The Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra and Male Voice Chorus conducted by Leslie Woodgate. At the organ: Charles Smart. Book written and remembered by C. Denier Warren. Choral arrangements by Doris Arnold. The show devised and produced by Harry S. Pepper.

9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C. THE SECOND CRICKET TEST MATCH—A commentary by John Arlott on first day's play at Johannesburg.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 Eric Barker in 'WATERLOGGED SPA'—Christmas Edition.
11.30 Big Hearted Arthur invites you to 'ARTHUR ASKEY'S CHRISTMAS SHOW'—with Anthea Askey, Richard Murdoch. Dance Orchestra, conducted by Stanley Black.

Tuesday, December 28

Eastern Service

10.30 SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE SPECKLED BAND—With Howard Marion-Crawford as Sherlock Holmes and Finlay Currie as Watson.
General Overseas Service

A.M.

9.15 COUNTRY MAGAZINE—Christmas Edition Introduced by Ralph Wightman. Music arranged by Francis Collinson Singer: James Johnston.
11.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Theatre Orchestra Conducted by Tchaikovsky's Ballet 'Swan Lake'.

P.M.

12.30 VARIETY BANDBOX—Christmas Edition From the Cambridge Theatre, London, with Frankie Howard, Five Martinis, Peter Cavanagh, Janet Hamilton-Smith and John Hargraves, Suzette Tarri, Charlie Kunz, Ipswich Co-operative Youth Choir, Billy Tennent and his Orchestra.
2.15 JACK HARDY'S LITTLE ORCHESTRA—Ivan Mellowdew (baritone).
5.00 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult
Overture: Coriolan Beethoven
Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet Tchaikovsky

5.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME Reflections on Kunz Kafka—A talk by Rex Warner. Kafka's Journals and a biography of him by H. Tauber were published recently.
7.15 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL—The Palm Court Orchestra Directed by Tom Jenkins Janet Howe (mezzo-soprano).
8.15 TO TOWN WITH TERRY—Christmas edition with Ruth Dunning, April, May, and June, other well-known personalities, and Terry Thomas BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor: Rae Jenkins.
8.45 BRITISH FARMER—'Looking to 1949,' by A. G. Street.

9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C. THE SECOND CRICKET TEST MATCH—A commentary by John Arlott on second day's play at Johannesburg.
9.45 ANNE SHELTON—in Introducing Ann Again.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Wednesday, December 28

General Overseas Service

A.M.

10.15 ARTHUR BIRKBY OCTET—with Billy Mayerl (piano) and Roland Robson (baritone).
11.45 STAR VARIETY—with Ivy Benson and George Elrick.
P.M.

12.30 JAZZ CLUB—presents Harry Gold and his Pieces of Eight in 'Going Calling.' A visit to the De Havilland Swing Club and St. Albans Rhythm Club at the De Havilland Hall Hatfield. Introduced by George Monaghan.
1.00 SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE SPECKLED BAND—by Conan Doyle With Howard Marion-Crawford as Sherlock Holmes and Finlay Currie
2.15 Wilfred Pickles in 'HAVE A GO!'—Christmas Edition The Quiz visits Old Age Pensioners at Morecambe and Heysham.
5.00 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA Conducted by Robert Irving.
7.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

8.15 BANDS WITHIN BANDS 'The Jack White Collegians' from Jack White's Orchestra.
8.30 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE.—BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor: Rae Jenkins with Robert Irwin.
9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.—THE SECOND CRICKET TEST MATCH—A commentary by John Arlott on the third day's play at Johannesburg.
9.45 JEAN MERLOW AND JANETTA McSTAY—at two pianos.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.30 BOOKS TO READ.
11.45 THE THEATRE IN LONDON—A talk by W. Macqueen Pope.

Thursday, December 30

General Overseas Service

A.M.

9.30 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult: Paul Beard (violin).
Overture, Coriolan Beethoven
Concerto for violin and orchestra from Serenade No. 7 in D (Haffner) Mozart

11.15 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Sidney Torch
3.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult.
Symphony No. 88 in D Haydn
5.00 'LOBSTER FEVER'—A radio play by F. A. Carter and Rex Tucker. Adapted from 'Three Fevers,' Leo Walmsley's novel of the fishermen of the North-East Coast.
7.15 STAR VARIETY—with The Radio Revellers and Donald Peers. Introduced by Derek Baker.
7.30 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Mansel Thomas.
9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C. THE SECOND CRICKET TEST MATCH.—A commentary by John Arlott on the fourth day's play at Johannesburg.

9.45 ACCORDEON CLUB—Primo Scala and his Accordion Band.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—New London Orchestra Conduct-

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ed and presented by Alec Sherman
Overture: 'Hansel and Gretel' Humperdinck
Tintagel Arnold Bax
Symphony No. 4 (The Italian) Mendelssohn

11.30 THE BRAINS TRUST—Resident Team: Collin Brooks, Kingsley Martin, and Wilson Harris, Question-Master: Gilbert Harding.

Friday, December 31

General Overseas Service

A.M.

10.15 'HAVE A GO!' Quiz visits the Crypt of St. George's Church, Leeds.
11.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.
P.M.

2.15 CELEBRITY RECITAL Max Rostal (violin) Franz Osborn (piano) Sonata in E flat Mozart
3.15 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.
7.15 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT ORCHESTRA.—Conductor: Sidney Torch.
9.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult.
Symphony No. 4 Brahms
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Saturday, January 1

General Overseas Service

A.M.

10.15 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.
P.M.

12.30 'WATERLOGGED SPA'.
1.00 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.—Conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.
5.00 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS'—by Charles Dickens 'The Dreaded Visitor'.
6.15 THE THEATRE IN LONDON—A talk by W. Macqueen Pope.

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Talking about Films

MISS LOCKWOOD

(Continued)

By Fred Majdalany

It is pretty well known by now that films containing Margaret Lockwood are bound to make money.

It should be equally well known that very often they are not to be taken seriously.

They come under the general heading of Girlish Fun. They satisfy the wish-fulfillments of all girls who have succeeded in remaining at the mental age of 11. They can easily be avoided by those whose dreams are more ambitious.

It is a waste of everybody's time, therefore, to attempt a solemn analysis of "Look Before You Love."

Miss Lockwood, a diplomat employed at the British Embassy in Rio, hastily marries a comely crook (Griffith Jones), and spends some time vainly trying to reform him.

On the way back to England a millionaire (Norman Wooland) whom Mr. Jones is trying to rob gives him £10,000 to divorce Miss Lockwood.

Having paid for her in advance (from the most honourable motives, I hasten to add), the millionaire lets a decent time elapse before collecting his purchase, who by this time is running a dress business in Monte Carlo.

The film has been ponderously put together, as though Harold Ruth and his assistants just couldn't be bothered to try hard — they knew it would be a success anyway.

Miss Lockwood brings to Rio, the Queen Mary, and Monte Carlo the practical passion of Miss Margate 1948.

If you break down "You Gotta Stay Happy" it is composed of very few situations you haven't seen many times before.

Rich girl rebelling on wedding night against stuffy family-chosen mate; girl and casually met charmer pressed into journey from one side of America to the other, souabbling; charmer, poor but proud, being furious when he discovers girl is rich.

But it works out very happily because it has been made with extreme skill. Every incident is scrubbed and polished; even the smallest parts are made to matter.

The result is an expert, professional comedy which maintains its gusto to the end.

General Knowledge Answers

1. A sea-fight in ancient Rome or its representation as a spectacle for public entertainment.
2. Living a monastic life.
3. A native missile used in South America to trip animals.
4. Chanting.
5. To cover with boards.
6. A thing to be believed.

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James Stewart, Eddie Albert, Joan Fontaine, and a cigar-smoking chimpanzee are in rare form, and Miss Fontaine also looks very fetching in a borrowed flying suit and boots several sizes too large.

In "Luxury Liner" practically the whole of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer puts noisily to sea.

George Brent is the captain of the liner, which is manned and victualled by M.-G.-M. singing extras.

The captain's daughter (Jane Powell) is present as a singing stowaway. Frances Gifford waxes attractively in a state-room. Lauritz Melchior is on hand with an operatic delegation. Xavier Cugat's band plays throughout the voyage.

By the time the ship reaches its destination the singing stowaway has arranged for the captain to propose to Miss Gifford. Non-operatic personnel have sung opera, operatic personnel have sung non-opera, and M.-G.-M. have persisted with their campaign to establish that Mr. Cugat is not merely a musician but a lovable and humorous character too. I have still to be persuaded.

A PROBLEM FILM

A pleasant change from thrillers, musical and light comedies, "The Guinea Pig", based on a play which had a long run on the London stage, is a film which deals with a modern educational problem, for it depicts the conflict between tradition and experiment in world of higher education in Britain. But it is by no means a gloomy film: the story is treated in a warm, human, intelligent manner, and there is quite a large amount of comedy to balance the serious side of the drama.

The hero, Jack, a boy from a working-class home in a London suburb, is given an opportunity to complete his education at a famous public school. He thus becomes a kind of human "guinea pig" for those who believe in this educational experiment. Right from his arrival at the school Jack meets the hostility of the other boys who sneer at and mock his pronounced Cockney accent, and object to his manners which are not up to their conventional standard. This general dislike of Jack is shared by his tradition-bound housemaster who frankly disapproves of this democratic experiment.

After a time Jack finds this combined hostility unbearable, and attempts to escape from what he feels is a prison and not a school. Fortunately he is caught by a junior master who reveals great sympathy and understanding for the boy's plight, and persuades Jack to show spirit and stick the experiment out. This master arranges a meeting between Jack's working-class parents and the stubborn housemaster. Jack's father expresses himself in such a firm forthright manner that he succeeds in persuading the housemaster to change his attitude towards the experiment.

Meanwhile the Governors of the school announce that the school War Memorial Fund shall be used to send poor boys to the universities, and this decision opens up the path for Jack to go to Cambridge University. With a happier future before him Jack manages to adapt himself to the ways of the school and win the respect of the other boys.

Richard Attenborough, star of many fine British films, gives an exceptionally real portrait of the boy-hero, and does not make a false gesture in the transformation from the Cockney lad to the proud wearer of the school tie in the last scenes. Cecil Trouncer, as the stubborn die-hard housemaster and Robert Flemming, as the virile modern and sympathetic tutor, head a perfect cast. Bernard Miles and Joan Hickson given authentic performances as Jack's parents from London.

The Boulting brothers made the picture for Pilgrim Pictures, a new independent company; John Boulting produced it while Roy Boulting directed it. One of Britain's most beautifully situated public schools was used to provide realistic atmosphere, and as the "Evening Standard" (London) writes:

"The film has been made with such intelligent tenderness that you will be carried effortlessly and absorbed through an important aspect of British life."

In "Woman Hater" producers have made the bold experiment of casting Stewart Granger, one of Britain's top-ranking dramatic screen stars, in a slapstick comedy role which must come as a great surprise to his millions of feminine admirers. The exceptionally beautiful French star, Edwige Fenech, plays opposite Granger, and the experiment has proved a great success.

Stewart Granger plays the role of a woman-hating aristocrat. Hearing that a famous Hollywood woman star boasts that she is not interested in men, Granger decides to put her claim to the test and invites her to his country estate. There he assumes the role of his own estate agent, but eventually defeats his original intention. For after many very funny situations, gags, and lots of slapstick, the two who have declared they hate the opposite sex fall in love with each other. It is a light-hearted affair and certain to achieve popular success.

One of the international trains which race across Europe from west to east is the background for "Sleeping Car to Trieste", a film which combines glamour, melodrama, crime and thrills. The plot centres on a diary filled with explosive political secrets which is in the possession of a Pole (Alan Wheatley) who refuses to give it up on this perilous journey on the Paris-Trieste Express. The Pole is murdered during the desperate battle for the incriminating diary. The passengers in the sleeping car are skillfully drawn characters: Jean Kent is the glamorous mysterious Valya; Albert Lieven is Zurta, her sinister companion.

Derrick de Marney, the well-known actor, plays the role of a solicitor whose pretty friend is a new comer to the screen, Rona Anderson. She has quite a special individual charm of her own. The large cast includes David Tomlinson, Bonar Colleano, Hugh Burdon, Finlay Currie, Coco Aslan, John Paddy Carstairs directed the film with great skill.

Many of the new films now in various stages of production indicate that United Kingdom directors especially those of independent units, are broadening the range of their subjects and searching for authentic backgrounds and local colour. A considerable number of production units have gone to European countries this year. The John Stafford Productions, for instance, are making "The Golden Madonna" in Rome. Peter Ustinov has also taken his Pilgrim Pictures unit to Italy for realistic backgrounds for the screen version of Eric Linklater's novel, "Private Angelo". Ustinov himself stars in this picture.

Gregory Ratoff has taken a London Films unit across to France for the scenery of "Autumn Violins". Young Bonar Colleano, starring in "A Tale of Five Cities", is making a grand tour of Europe for this monibus Duvivier-style story which is being made in Berlin. Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, the famous "Archers" team, are shooting outdoor scenes in Tours in France for "The Elusive Pimpernel" which stars the very busy David Niven.

GOG AND MACGOG

By R.G. Weetlock

James Bridie, that redoubtable dramatist whom Professor Allardyce Nicoll in his "History of British Drama" described as next to Bernard Shaw "the most fecund and greatest of all living British playwrights" has again set London talking with the latest example of his muse, "Gog and Macgog" produced last week at the Arts Theatre.

Gog and Macgog occur several times in the scriptures and are also names given to the famous figures of giants in the London Guildhall; but Mr. Bridie disclaims any such associations and places his play unmistakably in Scotland by altering Macgog into Macgog.

The play is typical Bridie: a fantastic farrago of talk and argument perpetually spiced with wit and shrewd humorous touches of the Scottish character. The action takes place in a village public house and tells how a London journalist gives, as a joke, a dinner in honour of Harry Macgog, a vagabond poet who is half mad and wholly entertaining.

The play is really a riot of impish fantasy and as such has had a very mixed reception. Some critics and playgoers have simply taken the thing as an exuberant jest and thoroughly enjoyed themselves; others have rather solemnly regretted that a man of Bridie's brilliant intellect should waste himself on trivial themes. Englishmen will always tell you that Scotsmen cannot see a joke and it is, therefore, an ironical turning of the tables that when a Scotsman makes a joke it is the Englishman who do not see it.

Bridie is 60 years of age and in private life is a physician and surgeon practising in Glasgow. His best known plays are "Tobias and The Angel" and "Jonah and The Whale"; but an early play of his "The Anatomist", dealing with the Burke and Hare murders in Edinburgh at the beginning of the last century, is at present having a successful revival at Westminster Theatre.

Cherry Orchard

London has also paid tribute to two foreign playwrights by the productions of Chekov's "The Cherry Orchard" at the New Theatre and Strindberg's "The Father" at the Embassy. "The Cherry Orchard" is the best production by the Old Vic Company this season and is memorable for the brilliant performance of Dame Edith Evans as Madame Ranevsky, owner of the orchard. Strindberg described himself as "one who sought God and found the devil" and there is no doubt that his marital misfortunes helped to upset the balance of his mind and to produce a series of plays quite merciless in their exposure of human depravity. "The Father" is probably his most representative tragedy and has long been remembered by London playgoers for an outstanding performance 20 odd years ago by the late Robert Loraine. In the latest revival, Michael Redgrave plays the father and Freda Jackson the wife whose malevolence drives him insane. They are both accomplished performers in a more subdued key than those of the Loraine production. Perhaps it is well to temper Strindberg occasionally.

Sadler's Wells

Sadler's Wells Ballet has returned to its headquarters at Covent Garden where it will alternate with the Opera Company. Its permanent conductor is now Warwick Braithwaite, a native of New Zealand and the first performance was of "Don Juan" a new work by Frederick Ashton, danced to Richard Strauss' music. Mr. Ashton has also prepared a new three-act version of the old fairy tale "Cinderella" which will be the Covent Garden's Christmas show. Although photographs of the Moscow production of the "Cinderella" ballet have been lent to Covent Garden by the Society for Cultural Relations with the USSR the English production will follow the

New Books

Mauriac Sure Of His World

BY PETER QUENNELL

Francis Mauriac is undoubtedly one of France's greatest modern novelists. He is also a devout Catholic.

Though I do not intend to venture within splashing-distance of the deep and dangerous ocean of theological controversy, I am bound to admit that Catholic novelists have just now many advantages over their non-Catholic, vaguely free-thinking, or palely Protestant competitors.

Definite View

To begin with they have a definite point of view; and during a period where so little is definite, and dogmas and faiths as they dwindle and disappear leave behind them vast expanses of indeterminate dirty-grey, a view which shows us the world still is unmistakable black-and-white has much to recommend it.

And then, to a Catholic novelist nothing is meaningless, nothing insignificant.

We welcome the writer who sees the choice between Heaven and Hell poised upon a single episode, and who is convinced that the simplest human action may involve tremendous consequences.

You need not be a Catholic to appreciate Mauriac; but you must agree that Catholic doctrine has had a decisive effect on the formation of his genius.

He deals boldly with Good and Evil; whereas most English novelists, in their gentlemanly and good-humoured way, are concerned with half-shades and fumbling approximations—with the unpleasant and awfully-tire-some-but-not-as-bad-as-all-that and the I-mean-to-say-let's-face-it-really-rather-terrible.

None of his characters is entirely bad; none is completely good. But all are the possessors of immortal souls; and each soul is the battleground of mysterious and gigantic forces.

This drama, on the other hand, is usually played out in a humdrum country setting—in the sandy district around Bordeaux, a sultry and airless region, where the cicadas whirr in the trees and resin oozes from the pine-

English tradition of "Cinderella" with the usual fairy godmother, ugly sister, pumpkins and other stage effects. The Moscow version apparently departs from the original story and shows glimpses of Spain, China and the land of negro slaves. The same score by Prokofiev will, however, be used and it will be interesting to see Frederick Ashton and Robert Helpmann as the ugly sisters.

Part of the comprehensive bi-centenary exhibition of work of Jacques-Louis David, which was recently held in Paris, is now on view at the Tate Gallery, London. David, who was born in Paris in 1748, and who constituted himself during the Revolution as dictator in French painting, sculpture and decoration, became famous in two branches of his art—portraits and vast historical and allegorical compositions. The London exhibition shown by the Arts Council with the help of the French Government consists almost entirely of portraits chiefly because of the difficulty in transporting large canvases across the Channel. Perhaps David himself would have been disappointed since it was by more ambitious works that he wished to be judged. He announced that he would devote himself not to men but to principles, and yet most critics agree that it is his portraits which reveal his shrewd and accurate eye and his constant comprehension of character. His most celebrated portrait is that of "Madame Recamier" and this is now seen in London for the first time. Most of the pictures are newly cleaned and thus reveal long hidden and unsuspected excellencies.

trunks, and the inhabitants, peasant and landowner alike, are shrewd, conservative, and purse-proud.

Admirable Story

Though *The Unknown Sea* is not Mauriac's best book—"A Woman of the Pharisees" and *Therese*," already translated, and several stories not yet rendered into English are in some respects more interesting—it is both an admirable story and a brilliant analysis of common human motives.

It follows the decline of two proud families—the Revolous, ruined because the father of the family has embezzled, and the Costadots, gradually brought low by their own interior rottenness. Each generation pays for the sins of its elders; but each individual has a separate choice to make and, with two shining exceptions, the Revolous and the Costadots do not make it worthily.

The exceptions are Pierre Cosadot, who takes refuge from the problems of wealth and from the conviction of sin in a career of ascetic self-sacrifice; and Rose Revolou, who is unself-consciously pure of heart and instinctively disinterested.

Life A Failure

Too humble to derive the smallest comfort from her own exalted moral qualities, she continues obstinately to do her best, but at the end remains firmly persuaded that her life has been a failure.

It is a moving story, extraordinarily well told, with scarcely a word out of place and not a detail wasted. But, although all the characters are real, Rose Revolou's is the portrait that gives the book its focus; for her natural goodness provides a standard by which the men and women who surround her are considered and found wanting.

"The Unknown Sea," in fact, is a novel on a large scale—large in ideas, and large and sure in treatment. Gerard Hopkins's English version does justice to the French text.

QUICK LOOKS

An Englishman's Year, by H. J. Massingham. (Collins, 12s. 6d.)

Delightfully discursive book by the most agreeable type of strongly opinionated, slightly cranky Englishman, who has dipped deeply into English literature and loves the English landscape with a jealous and possessive passion. Still Talking at Random by Douglas Woodruff. (Hollis and Carter 6s.)

In a series of brief but lively snorts Douglas Woodruff lets off steam at the expense of many modern foibles and some recurrent human misconceptions. Good stories, anecdotes, and apotegms complete the entertainment.

B.B.C. HIGHLIGHTS

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- 7.15 KATHLEEN McQUITTY AND HENRY WILSON—at two pianos.
- 7.30 Kim Peacock and Marjorie Westbury in "PAUL TEMPLE AND THE CURZON CASE".—A serial in eight episodes by Francis Durbidge. Episode 2: "Welcome to Dulworth Bay".
- 9.45 ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD.—13: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (gramophone records).
- 10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
- 10.20 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C. THE THIRD CRICKET TEST MATCH.—A commentary by John Arlott on the first day's play at Cape Town.
- 11.00 SATURDAY SPORT—including commentaries on Association Football: Bristol Rovers v. Notts County. Commentator: F. N. S. Creek. (Programme announcements and music included in the period).

THE LOST SCENT

One of the world's famous smells has vanished—the smell of peat-smoke which clung to Harris tweed.

Nobody has yet found out why the musk-plant lost its perfume, and this other mystery has been proving equally baffling to wearers of the Rebridean cloth.

But now I have got to the bottom of it I said to my tailor: "Produce me, please, Harris tweed overcoat—with smell."

"Very sorry, sir," he said, "it can't be done—not with the smell."

"Why not?" I demanded—adding, rather peevishly: "That Harris tweed suit you made me not long ago doesn't smell a bit."

He sighed sympathically. "I know," he said. "All my 'tweedy' customers are quite grieved about the loss of that smell. But there's a good reason for its disappearance." Then he explained.

"There in Harris generations of weavers have woven the lovely tweed in their primitive dwellings of undressed stone roofed with thatch. On the stone hearth in the middle of the earth floor burned a peat fire that never went out—and the smoke from it permeated the cloth as it was woven. Every thread of it was thus 'smoked'."

Now, however, most of the weavers have been taken out of their ancient homes and rehoused in modern style—in cottages with chimneys.

And up those chimney goes the aromatic peat-fire smoke. Not a wisp of it lingers about the looms.

Such was my tailor's story, confirmed by a representative in London of the Harris Tweed Association, who told me: "Although the biggest proportion of the pure virgin wool from which Harris tweed is made is now machine-spun, it is all returned to the cottagers to be woven; but because so many of these people are now living in up-to-date cottages the tweed does not come in contact with peat-smoke."

Footnote: Would-be imitators of Harris tweed are reported to have "pumped" peat-smoke into their cloth in an attempt to give it the authentic smell. But it never "stayed put."

— ROBERT CLYDE

Miss Nightingale's Ladies

By CHARLES TERROT

Here is a really excellent novel, which has for its background, the mission of Florence Nightingale in the Crimea in 1854, into which is woven the story of her struggle to combat the rising mortality in the hospital, due to the prevailing conditions of neglect and insufficient nourishment, and the opposition which had to be faced from the Army authorities who would not admit the appalling conditions.

The story chiefly concerns Elizabeth Wheeler, a beautiful, but fiery Irish girl, who is so indignant at the lack of support, writes a full account to her aunt in England, who sends her letter to the TIMES. The letter is published and causes an enquiry to be made and a brutal cross-examination of Elizabeth resulting in her dismissal from the hospital. Her dismissal causes her to sacrifice her love for a brilliant young surgeon, who has been working side by side with Elizabeth and hopes to marry her later, as she feels the publicity she receives will jeopardise his career.

The author makes it clear that although Florence Nightingale received most of the credit for the wonderful achievement in Scutari, she was magnificently supported by the nurses who accompanied her.

SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

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HARRY SPICE-THE MAGIC FARMER OF BERLIN

By John Fisher

Special Correspondent

Round the edge of Berlin where you can sometimes see the Russian troops manœuvring lie the border farms of the city. There the tall pines sigh like a Sibellus symphony as the wind from the Baltic whizzes the clouds of leaves and fine sand across the rides.

Soon the snow will fall again and show the tracks of wild boar and roe deer that still haunt the edge of Berlin.

No one thought that a great deal of food for besieged citizens would grow there.

None of the Four Powers.

Not even the "know-all" Berliners who are at times as obstinate as mules.

But this autumn, line upon line of green and purple cabbage blooms above the sand that seemed good only for golf bunkers. Hundreds of police and watchers armed with dogs have to patrol the fields at night to guard what has now become one of Berlin's most precious larders.

Harry Spice, a six foot cricket playing Kentish ex-seeds expert, is the upholsterer who has laid this magic carpet round Berlin and by doing so has smoothed out more of Berlin wrinkles than there are furrows on a ploughed field.

When Harry arrived in Berlin in 1945 there were fewer than 600 acres of fruit and vegetables grown in the British Sector of Berlin and everyone knew that the soil went down less than ten inches before you came to pure sand.

Other Ideas

But Harry Spice had other ideas. He rushed thousands of penny packets of seed to Berlin and lectured the citizens tactfully on the kind of spade-work that the British had learnt to do throughout the war.

The army lent bulldozers to clear away useless trees. Live-stock and tools were moved from Western Germany. It was as if one person at least foresaw the possibility of a blockade.

Today 350,000 allotments make the every other family in West Berlin independent of the greengrocer. Farms and nurseries have spread to 13,000 acres which have produced 17,000 tons of vegetables since the airlift started and the cows have given half a million gallons of milk during the blockade.

While the Russians looked over the fence, Berlin grew its own carrots, beans, leeks, red beet, tobacco, maize, lupins for fodder, celeriac and sugar beet as well as tomatoes, red cabbage, spinach and the like.

Nothing goes to waste on the farms. Horses from the riding schools that once carried Guards officers over water jumps now pull carts. Pigs have moved into some huts that the Germans once used for British prisoners of war. Now Nissen huts have been built for other pigs. Altogether West Berlin now houses 3,500 horses, 5,100 cows, 3,000 pigs and 7,000 goats, 200,000 hens and 300,000 rabbits.

Every garden of more than four acres has a planting programme and a quota to produce which works out at about six tons to the acre and even the gardens of the Generals and their brass hats come into the scheme.

The Grunewald forest—a paradise for droughts—now has its own artificial rain system.

In the centre of Berlin they even keep cows upstairs as I found out when I walked into the dairy of Karl Bolle in the British Sector and saw about twenty black and white Friesians chewing the cud on the first floor of a warehouse.

The cows I'm told soon learn to walk upstairs.

Nothing Surprises

Nothing much new surprises Harry Spice at least not since that day last summer when he was out in Grunewald Forest near the border of the British Sector looking for a new space to clear and strayed into an exclusive nudist colony. Luckily for both sides the soil turned out to be unsuitable for market gardening.

Earlier last week I walked round one of Berlin's frontier farms with Harry and his Spaniel "Champion". Flat land it was with deep dykes and stunted trees stretching away into the wintry afternoon. The partridges lay close and even a wary pigeon could hardly be bothered to fly away through the cold.

But I could see that the yield was there. Rye planted by the thirty year old farmer who manages this 600 acres was coming up and the women's hands were red with cold from cutting fine firm cabbages.

Out in the sky beyond the farm I could see the flare lights of Gatow aerodrome glowing like the mockery of a grim carnival as the red and green lit planes paraded past, nearly home. Some of the pilots must have been carrying coal, some flour and some perhaps dried potato powder.

But without Harry Spice and his magic carpet of green-grocery they would have to fly in all the rest of the kitchen garden as well.

Money-Making Hits A Boom

By F.G. Prince-White

It has been a bumper year of money-making for Britain—at the Royal Mint.

A thousand men, working day-and-night shifts, have been "coining" money at such a rate that by the end of this month their total will probably exceed £600,000,000.

All this in silver (or, to be exact, cupro-nickel) and bronze.

At the beginning of the year there was a sudden and rather mysterious shortage of silver in circulation.

About £15,000,000 worth vanished as completely as if the vaults of the Bank of England had been raided.

Banking experts could offer only one explanation—nervous people, scared by the world political situation of the £ in relation to the dollar, were hoarding half-crowns, florins, and shillings.

Whatever the reason, something had to be done quickly to "restore the circulation."

300 More Men

The Mint took on 300 more men, and from the automatic money-making machines in the guarded workshops began to flow glittering streams that quickly found their way into the great river of the nation's daily wealth.

It has been, and still is, an immense effort. Normally the Mint's annual output is about £250,000,000 worth of coins, one third of which amount goes to the Colonies and certain foreign customers of the Mint, chiefly South American States.

A lean, 63-year-old Ulsterman with quizzical eyes and a lively wit is the

director of it: Sir John Craig, the Mint's Deputy Master and Comptroller, and ex-officio Engraver of His Majesty's Seals, whose principal hobby is climbing mountains.

When he has finished the job he will retire—in January—and "really begin to enjoy life," he says.

Acting as Britain's chief money-maker has been a very exacting task; it has meant not only money-making but producing millions of war medals.

Still 'Silver'

Sir John still calls the new cupro-nickel money "silver." "It's a convenient term," he explains with a smile.

But it is a term that properly describes only an extremely small proportion of the "silver" coins now in circulation in this country.

Millions of pounds' worth of the old—and true—silver half-crowns and florins and shillings have been withdrawn and melted down and handed over to the United States.

There are men on the Mint's staff who have been making the nation's money for half a century.

They sometimes cast a nostalgic look at old dies that were used in the days "when money was money."

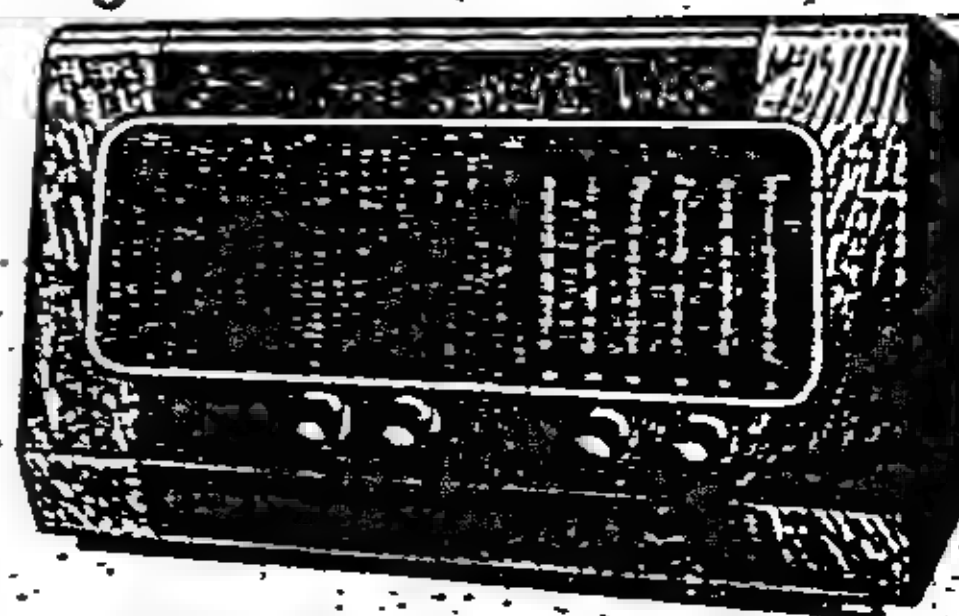
Specially treasured at the Mint today are dies that were used in minting gold sovereigns—now just museum-pieces.

One design was engraved 100 years ago by an Italian called Pistrucchi, who chose as his model for St. George a waiter in a West End hotel.



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BRIDGE

In the earlier days of contract a four-card suit was not considered bid-dable, unless headed by one and a-half quick tricks. It is different now. Ex-ploratory bids in weak four-card suits are usual and lead to many successes. The responding hand can bid a suit as weak as J, 10, 9, 3, at the level of one, while the low limit for the opening hand's bid can normally be about Q, J, 9, 3. The more expert the partnership the greater can the shading below this limit be, as in the case of South's opening bid on this hand.

S A 9 4 3
H K
D J 9 5
C Q 7 6 3 2

S none
H 7 5 4 3 2
D Q 4 2
C A K J 5 4

N
W E
S

S J 8 5 2
H A Q 8 6
D A 6 3
C 9 8

North and South only were vulner-able when South opened with One Spade West bid Two Clubs; North, Two Spades; East, Pass; South, Pass; West, Three Hearts; North, Three Spades. East doubled and all passed. The de-clarer made his nine tricks though he should have been one down. South's opening bid is interesting.

At no other table in the Paris com-petition where this hand was played was there a contract in Spades. At most tables West went down in Hearts. South's shaded bid in Spades was evidently justified, seeing that so many tricks were made in spite of East's powerful holding.

It is a moot point whether South should have opened the bidding at all. An expert partnership (which this was) can open on a weakish holding because it can keep out of trouble later. South could not open with One Heart because this shut out a rebid in Spades. By bidding Spades first and Hearts later (only in response to partner's one-round force), South could deny strong values while still at the level of two.

Only strong players can afford to ex-periment with deeply shaded bids in suits.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. If you were discussing naumachia, would you be referring to
(a) a bilious spell
(b) a seasight
(c) an Indian dance.
2. Speaking of claustral, does this mean that you
(a) Living a monastic life
(b) have a neurotic fear of con-fined spaces
(c) a selenide of lead
3. What is a bolas?
4. If you were said to be cantulating, would you be
(a) singing softly or chanting
(b) working out the principles of a cantilever projection
(c) or indulging in a light gen-tle gallop.
5. To contabulate is
(a) to cover a floor with boards
(b) To tell stories out of school
(c) Give indirect answers to questions.
6. Credenda means
(a) a small side-table on which bread and wine are placed before consecration in the Eucharist.
(b) a letter of introduction, set-ting out one's credentials.
(c) a thing to be believed.

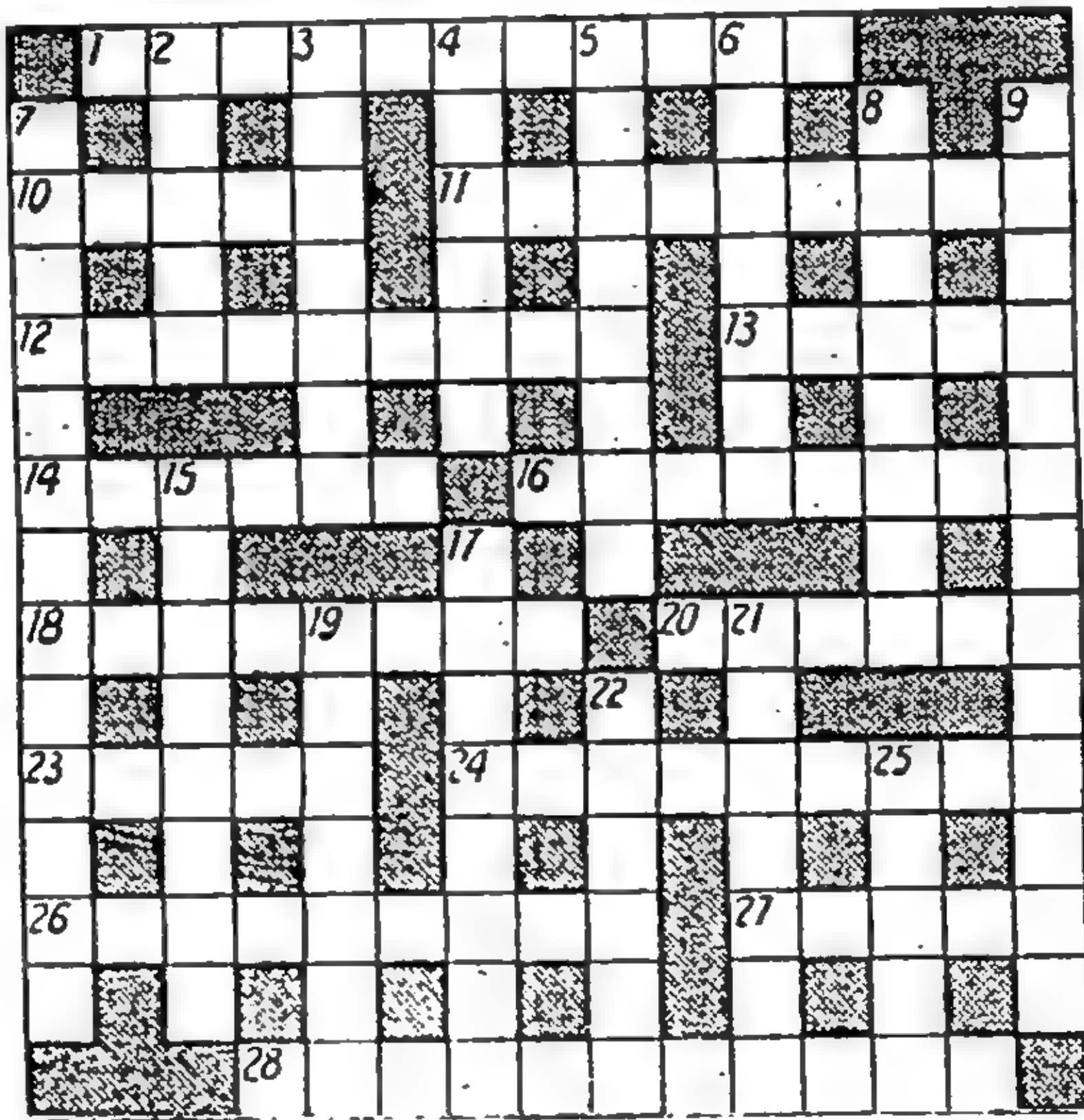
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NEWS QUIZ

1. The Netherlands declared war on the Republic of Indonesia, seizing control of Jogjakarta. Who is the Dutch High Commissioner, and who is president of the Republic?
2. The State-owned British Airways Corporations reported a loss of £3,990,000 between April and Sep-tember. Was this heavier or lighter than in the corresponding period of last year?
3. Dr. Sun Fo announced a new Cabinet within 24 hours of declar-ing his inability to do so. He chose who as his acting Foreign Minis-ter?
4. King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan announced the appointment of a new Mufti of Jerusalem. Who is succeeding El Husseini?
5. The Grand Old Man of Hollywood passed away at the age of 85. He was a British actor and retained his British citizenship despite his long stay in America. He was?
6. What island in Mirs Bay was the scene of this week's air disaster?
7. The bill severing Eire's last links with the Commonwealth was sign-ed without—ceremony by the President, who is?

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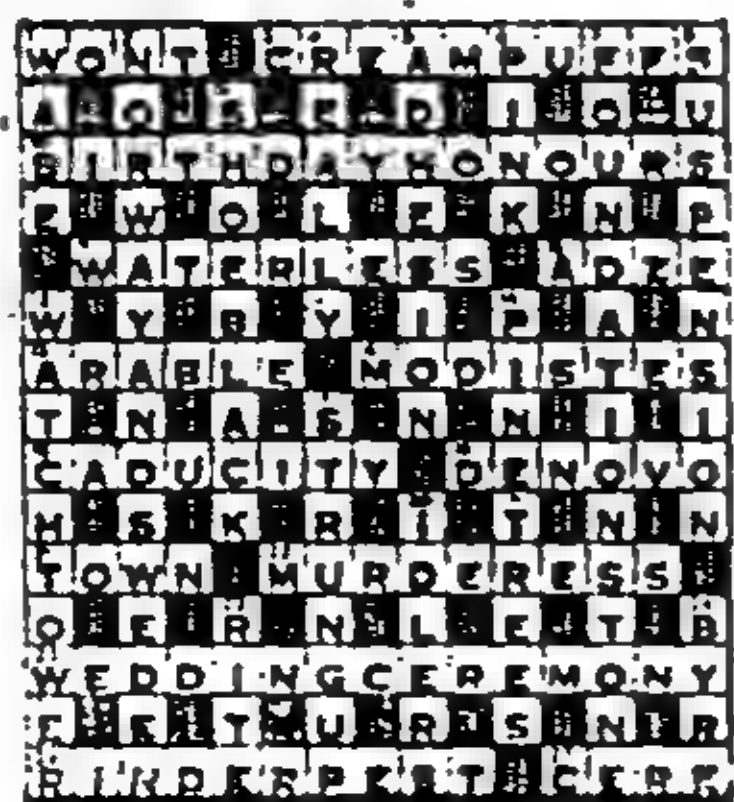
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ACROSS

1. Ingredient of man. (4, 7)
10. Is this man treed in the City? (5)
11. Good global weather forecast for trade display. (5, 4)
12. A tree has bitten her. (9)
13. Naturally one has a double al-lowance of such impertinence. (5)
14. There's the Queen! (6)
16. How to make delivery to posterity. (4, 4)
17. It isn't the wave length that gives trouble here. (5, 3)

SOLUTION TO No. 87



20. Spoiling a nice new one led to a fighting agreement in Wonderland (6)
21. She and we will show people where to go. (3)
24. A partisan will have a meal with stout. (9)
26. Eating away, of course. (6, 3)
27. You and I get a 2 to dye. (5)
28. So went short, though it is but a little way. (6, 5)

DOWN

2. May get abreast of the brave. (5)
3. A real bud made to last. (7)
4. Mixed gin was the cause of a pendulous condition. (5)
5. Did the Scandinavian come from upcountry in the old days? (8)
6. Made the all round figure less. (7)
7. War damaged sites? (5, 7)
8. Graduate made his exit first by parachute (5, 3)
9. Feeling more than a bit cracked? (6, 7)
11. Pathetic sort of fingering. (8)
15. May cause a stir if not a storm in a teacup. (5)
19. It might be useless to say "pe-cracking" here. (4, 3)
21. Ah! boils. Get rid of them. (7)
22. Great downpours get the soil up at the watering place. (6)
23. Let the sailor in too, though it is forbidden. (5)



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Party Manners For Mayors

Should a Labour mayor be impartial and carry out his social duties with tolerance and bonhomie even when Tories are around, or should he con-sent to be gracious only in the presence of Left-Wing chaps? That is the burn-ing question of the week, Elinor.

Or to carry the matter one step far-ther, consider the case of a Labour mayor who is due to lay a foundation-stone while suffering from a shocking pain in the back.

Should he consent to alleviate this pain with a medicine prescribed by a Tory doctor and made up by a Liberal chemist and delivered by an indepen-dent errand boy, or should he dash the cup from his lips, crying: "I decline to be impartial! Sooner than be cured by my political opponents I will keep my acute Labour lumbago!"

Frankly, Elinor, try as we will, we can't think of a problem that interests us less.

Incidentally, girl, we once knew a mayor who was so tolerant and broad-minded that he was one-third Tory, one-third Liberal, and one-third Social-ist, and so disenfranchised himself in the sacred cause of navoral impartial-ity.

Unfortunately, one day, while he was in the very act of laying the foundation-stone of a particularly hideous Cultural Centre designed by some functional prig, a very partial little Minister of the Crown came up to him and said gratuitously: "If you want my opinion, you're two-thirds vermin!"

This so upset the poor chap that he laid his foundation-stone upside-down—a fortunate accident, as it turned out because when the horrid building was completed hairy-eared planners could only get into it by running up the fire escape and climbing in through the dreadful front door.

A Man's Work Is Never Done

There is no prettier compliment than an attentive husband can pay his wife than to take up her breakfast to bed (writes Domesticated George, snatching a flaming piece of toast from under the grill and blowing on it vigorously).

Never poach an egg if a plain boiled one will please her as well (advises Domesticated George, tidily flipping the crumbs under the cooker with his news-paper). Otherwise, instead of a simple eggcup, you'll have that complicated tin monstrosity to wash up.

Always remember that women attach great importance to a lot of finickety nonsense (adds Domesticated George, briskly polishing a plate with the tassel of his dressing-gown). So don't lay the tray with a damp tea-cloth! Never serve the milk undecanted in its inelegant glass bottle!

It is a wise plan (shouts Domesticat-ed George, vainly trying to reach the bottom of the marmalade pot with a 'easpoon) to arrange everything to your hand overnight. It is an even wiser plan to wake up in the morning with 'survival. Then they can't wheedle you out of bed against your will to do a lot of hellish cooking!

In conclusion (wails Domesticated George, hastily snatching up the tray and making for the stairs with a heart-rending crying of "Coming, dear!") al-ways remember that what is worth do-ing is worth doing well. So don't forget their damned little letters, if you want to save yourself a double journey!

So saying, Domesticated George feverly trod on his left slipper with his right foot, and fell heavily on his knees in an attitude of speechless, livid, wild-eyed devotion.

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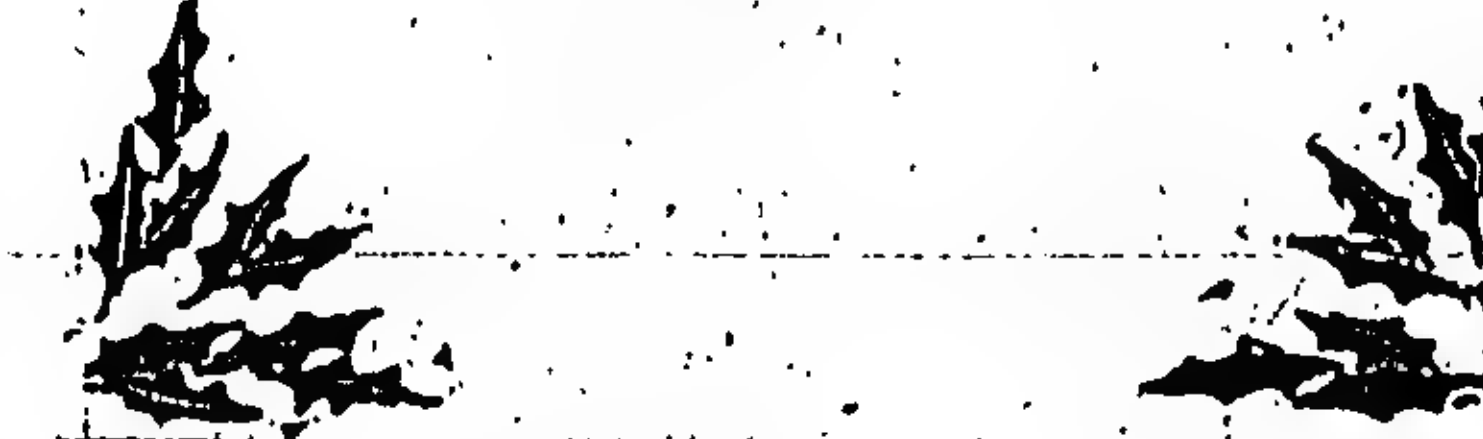
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Indonesian Guerillas Prepare

Paris, December 25.

The United Nations Security Council last night called for a halt to bloodshed in Indonesia without a Dutch retreat.

To Ignore Ceasefire

The Hague, December 24. The Netherlands has no intention of complying with the Security Council's resolution calling for a ceasefire in Indonesia, according to sources close to the government today.

The sources took the view that if the ceasefire is implemented, it would place tens of thousands of Dutch soldiers in isolated positions and would lead to chaos among the Indonesian population in Republican areas. — United Press.

U.N. OBSERVERS RETURN

Batavia, December 25. The U.N. Good Offices Committee reported to the Security Council in Paris yesterday that its military observers in the field are returning to Batavia on orders of the Dutch Army.

The report said the army order deprives the Committee of independent reports from its observers on conditions in the field.

The Committee had refused to comply with a Dutch request to call in its teams. But most observers were obliged to conform with the directions of local military commanders.

Meanwhile, a Dutch communiqué announced the capture of Serang, largest city in West Republican Java.

In Central Java, the Dutch announced that 18 miles North West of the town of Tjepoe, the Dutch reported nothing concerning their drive on Madiun, most important city remaining to the Indonesian Republicans.

In middle Sumatra, a column pushed rapidly Eastward 30 miles of Bukittinggi, captured Republican capital on the island, and took Panakombar.

The Dutch said their total casualties since they began their "police action" last Sunday were 19 soldiers killed and 43 wounded. — Associated Press.

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT

Singapore, December 25. The Indonesian Republic's office here said on Friday that a Republican emergency government has been set up in Sumatra headed by Shariroedin Prawiraningrat, the Minister of Economics.

It included Teneke Mohammed Hassan, the Republican Commissioner of Currency, Indra Pihaya and Sultan Mohammed Rajid.

The Singapore office said the information was broadcast from the Republican Radio of Sumatra.

Most of the leadership of the Republican Government, including President Soekarno and Premier Mohammed Hatta were taken prisoner by the Dutch in the hours of fighting in Indonesia last Sunday. — Associated Press.

CZECHS LISTEN-IN

Prague, December 25. The number of wireless sets in Czechoslovakia has doubled in a year, and about 20,000 sets a month are going into homes throughout the country.

A recent report said there are 2,042,000 sets in the country, which has 12,000,000 inhabitants. But there are only 215,000 sets listed in all of Slovakia. The most are in Bohemia-Moravia. — Associated Press.

HIS LEG FELT LIKE A TON WEIGHT

Kruschen Soon Had Him Back on His Ship

A life on the ocean wave is usually an exciting one. When this old sailor was attacked by rheumatism, he was no longer fit for such a life. Yet Kruschen had him back on his ship again in less than a fortnight, as he tells in this letter:

"I have been a seaman and traveled all over the world in sailing ships. Some time ago I was taken with 'adrenia' and rheumatism. My leg was just like a ton weight. If I went out I had to rest two or three times before I got home. One day an old mate of mine asked me what was the matter, and he said, 'Get some Kruschen Salt.' So I did some and I am pleased to say I felt a great ease. After continuing for a week, I was a great deal better, and on the Saturday I was back on my ship."

Rheumatic pains are commonly caused by deposits of uric acid, which lodge in the muscles and joints. Kruschen dissolves these deposits and converts them into a harmless solution, which is removed through the natural channels of the kidneys.

But there was little chance the resolution would have prompt results. Some time was likely to elapse before the Dutch could consider and issue any order for a ceasefire to their troops.

It would be hard for the order to reach the Indonesians. Their central government is largely in the hands of the Dutch and the Republicans are using guerilla tactics. As long as they continue to shoot, the Dutch will probably fight back.

At the Hague, the Dutch cabinet called an emergency Christmas day session to study the Council's order.

Dutch sources in Paris viewed the final Council action as a backhanded victory, since it avoided condemnation of the Netherlands and demanded no military retreat.

Most foreign sources in Batavia said that obviously a ceasefire order by the Dutch would have little effect, since the Dutch Army probably would have control of all major cities in the Indonesian Republic by the time it went out.

Australia's Colonel W. R. Hodgson complained that the Council's good offices committee was unable to supervise compliance with the order. The Committee reported from Indonesia that it was being expelled by the Dutch from Dutch held territory.

The resolution adopted called for cease fire and Dutch release of the Indonesian leaders seized at the outset of the "police action." Nations adopting the resolution were the United States, Britain, China, Colombia, Syria, Canada and Argentina.

Leaders' Release Demanded

An immediate cease fire order to the Dutch and Indonesians was voted by seven members with four abstaining. The United States and Australia made the proposal. The demand for the release of President Soekarno, Premier Mohammed Hatta and other republican heads was proposed by Australia and sponsored by Syria.

A Russian demand that the Netherlands be condemned as an aggressor was defeated when it mustered only five votes, two short of the needed seven.

Also defeated was a clause in the American resolution which directed the Dutch troops to retire to positions they held before the attacks started by land, air and sea on Saturday.

Russia abstained in voting on all sections of the American and Australian resolutions. The proposals were watered down considerably before the affirmative actions were voted. Russian delegate, Jacob A. Malik, explained the sections duplicated items in a Soviet resolution which later was rejected entirely.

Meaningless Order

In New York yesterday, Dr. D. Soemitro, acting head of the Indonesian Republic's delegation to the United Nations, said the Security Council cease fire order was "meaningless unless accompanied by an order forcing Dutch troops back to the lines they held before their treacherous attack."

He said the resolution would permit Dutch troops to "indulge in so called mopping up operations in areas they have forcibly seized" and added, "It condones their (the Dutch) violation of previous United Nations decisions. It makes possible the breach of peace by other aggressors without fear that world action will halt them after they

Beautiful Objective

Batavia, December 25. Dutch troops received this holiday message from Lieutenant General B. D. Spoor, commander of the forces taking "police action" against the Indonesian Republicans:

"May Christmas be a symbol from which you may draw strength to carry out your orders with the beautiful objective to bring peace to Indonesia." — Associated Press.

SOVIET OPINION

Moscow, December 25.

The Soviet press yesterday devoted considerable attention to the Indonesian question.

All papers printed an account of the Security Council meeting. An Izvestia article claimed the United States had encouraged Dutch preparations for aggression against the Indonesian Republic by supplying the Dutch with armaments on a large scale and that the Good Offices Committee had known of the Dutch preparations.

Izvestia said "Thus the good services of the Commission was used not only as a veil for careful preparation of the military attack on the Indonesian Republic but also as a veil to conceal the undermining activity directed against the national liberation movement of the Indonesian people." — Associated Press.

that, according to the latest information from Indonesia:

1. The fighting already has practically ceased, with the Dutch in occupation of all important areas. Consequently, the cease-fire order will not present a problem to the Dutch.

2. Republican leaders are not prisoners in gaol, but are being guarded in their homes.

3. Conversations have begun between the Dutch and moderate Republican leaders such as President Soekarno and Foreign Minister Hatta which may lead to good results. — Associated Press and United Press.

Fighting Almost Over

A usually reliable Dutch source in Washington said today

Indonesian Criticism

New York, December 24.

Dr. D. Soemitro, acting head of the Indonesian delegation at the United Nations, said today that the Security Council's cease-fire order would be meaningless unless accompanied by an order forcing Dutch troops back to their armistice lines. Indonesia is not a member of UN but maintains a delegation there.

"I consider the Security Council's resolution completely inadequate," Dr. Soemitro's statement said. "It condones their violation of previous UN decision. It makes possible a breach of the peace by other aggressors without the fear that world action will halt them after they have gained territory and treasure from innocent victims."

"What makes matters worse, the Security Council order will permit the Dutch to indulge in so-called 'mopping up' operations in areas they have forcibly seized."

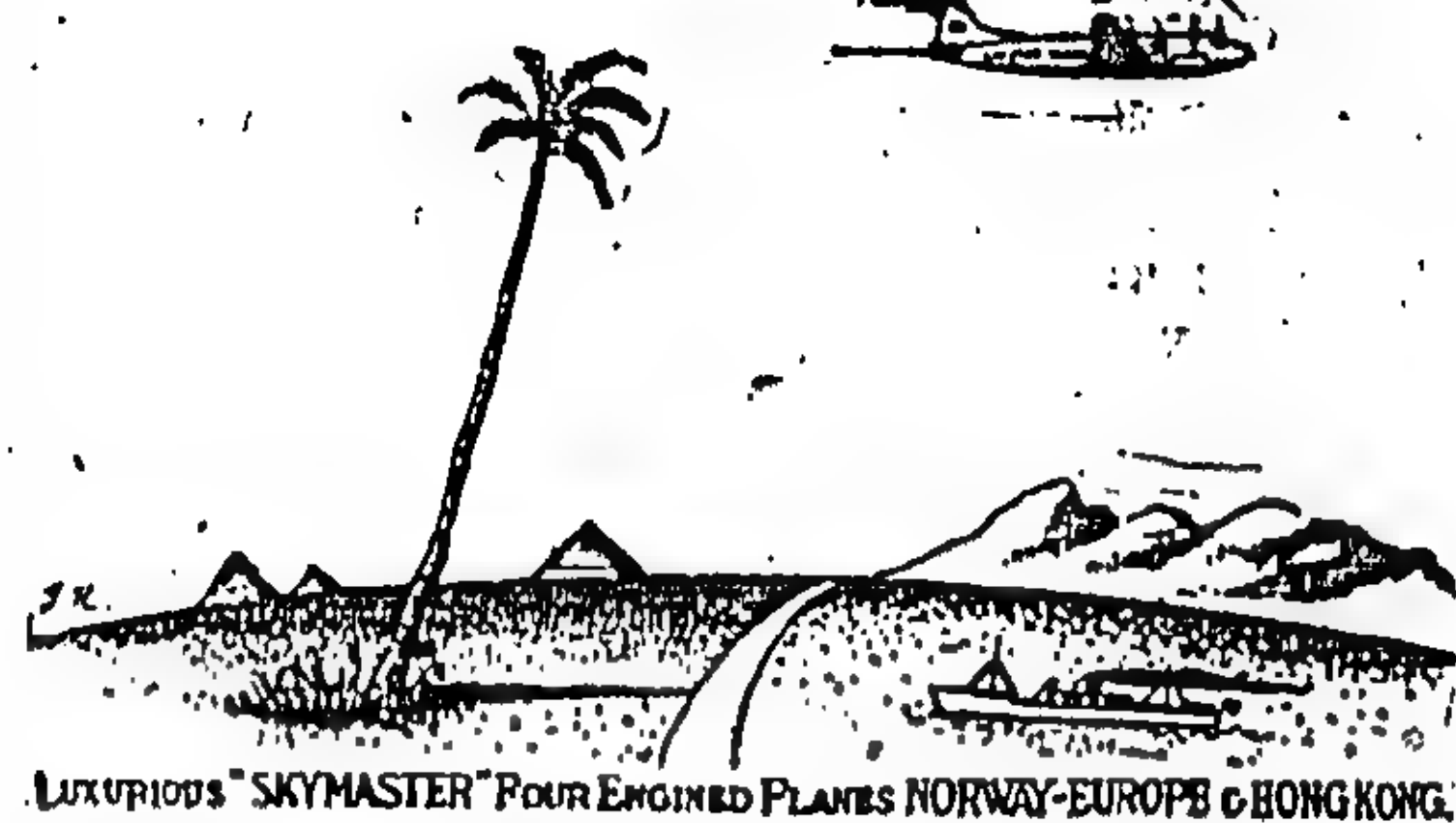
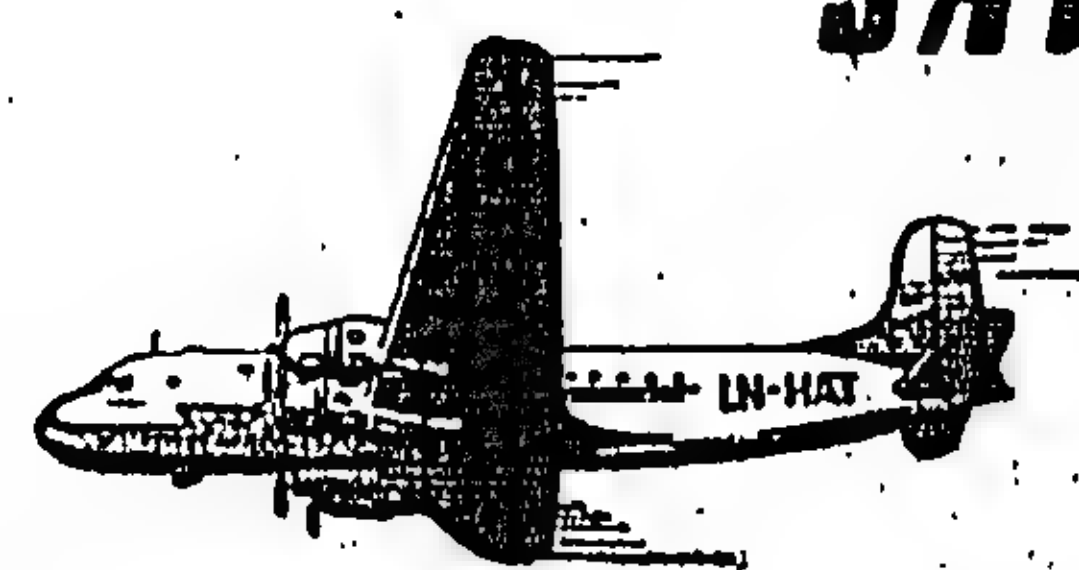
"The Republic of Indonesia trusts that the United States will continue in the vanguard of the fight to bring a just peace to Indonesia and honour for the United Nations—honour that can only be won when the terrorist Dutch armies are forced back to the lines they held a week ago."

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Between Ourselves:

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FROM PARIS-VIA AUSTRALIA

By JANET MARTIN

BLOUSE and SKIRT MAGIC

The Christian Science Monitor

In an era of high prices and high fashions, it is pleasant to consider the constancy and practicality, the unpretentiousness and the possibilities for grandeur of the familiar blouse and skirt.

Suppose you haven't what is called a perfect skirt and blouse figure. There are ways of getting blithely around this difficulty quite intelligently. The overblouse is one answer. The jumper is another. Cumberbunds also play their part.

Elizabeth Hawes, one of America's early designers, who recently returned to the designing field after an absence of almost 10 years, is an ardent wearer of blouses and skirts. She declares that "the beautiful thing about skirts which are of really good form-wearing material, graceful in line, and cut with sufficient room for movement, is that they never date."

"But," she warns, and how true her warning, "never buy extreme styles in skirts if you want them to be the perfect clothes for economy measure which they can be. I design all my clothes with this longevity in mind, and they, as well as my skirts, have been worn by my customers for as long as 15 years."

"A good 'neutral' skirt, not too tight, not too sophisticated, can be dressed up for special occasions with a well-chosen blouse, such as velvet, or tulle, or lace, silk," she continues.

"A cumberbund or a wide soft belt also helps greatly in the dressing-up process. A skirt blouse in cotton or silk in the same colour as the skirt makes a good town day-wear outfit."

For high-buttoned suits, blouses with neckline detail are important—and here pointed wing collars and embroidered necklines come into their own.

Blouses and skirts for evening wear abound, and prove both practical and attractive. Strongly featured are blouses made of dressy fabrics or slightly beaded. Velvet with a small bronze-headed collar will serve as a day-time blouse. But wear it with a long separate velvet skirt and you can sweep into a dinner party with serene confidence.

You will see Persian brocade skirts with short midriff jackets—the skirts with inverted back pleats and slim fronts, bronze pleats and skirt, or short and circular black tulle skirts with ruffled apron fronts that end in a saucy bustle back; plaid tulle skirts in bright turban to wear with a black velvet blouse or a tightly fitted basque jacket in velvet or jersey. Romantic and dashing these will see you over the Christmas holidays.

Blouses and skirts no longer linger in the hit-or-miss category. They step out confidently with their new costume look, affording a variety of smart changes and at the same time leaving you a little balance in your budget, to afford some of the other things a well-planned wardrobe requires.

Conservative Lines Best

A few skirt warnings come in handy. Never buy skirts that are too tight. All too soon they "stretch." Avoid skirts that are too full—they are never flattering. And, finally, never entangle yourself in skirts that are too long. In these, life can be miserable. If you are the type of person who resembles the famous picture of a "bag" tied in the middle, when you wear a blouse and skirt, stretch a jumper.

Going carefully over the extensive and moderately priced blouse and skirt collections, one discovers how exciting this fashion is today—and how wide its possibilities for smartness.

Wool jersey blouses, styled in plain or dressy versions, are widely featured. Jersey with a cummerbund has a new look—so has the becoming version of the turtleneck. A long-sleeved jersey blouse with a deep neckline firmly held in place is modestly priced.

Use Of Jersey Blouse

For the younger set the scoop or hoop neckline, with cap sleeve and rhinestone buttons, in a jersey blouse has its moments. At the other extreme is the jersey blouse in blue, red, black, and off shades with a high Chinese band collar fastened with a single rhinestone button and having three-quarter sleeves.

There are long skirts for evening, and those in daytime lengths, in matching colours of jersey, some straight, some with tight, wide midriff belt and daintily fullness, completing the usefulness of such blouses as have been described.

Washable flannels are back in blouses for the first time since the war. Washable tissue from England in stripes, plaids, and solid colours makes interesting blouses.

This fabric is 100 per cent Australian wool finely combed and treated so it won't shrink, yet it is made in blouses with wing collars cut like a man's that are sized and stiff. There is no feeling of this astonishing fabric's being wool at all, yet it is warm and light.

The prints, carrying over from their summer debut, are in terrific demand for winter wear.

Australia has been making headline news in the post-war fashion world. Choice collections of original models from the leading French coutouriers have been flown direct from Paris, accompanied by four of their most charming mannequins.

Within a few weeks of the first Paris Shows, Australia has her own parades and the models provide a basis for many modified versions made by Australian firms for the popular market.

Here are some of the originals chosen to cross the world to bring Parisian chic "down under."

For town wear, or the races, there is a cyclamen linen suit by Balenciaga, trimmed with edges of coarse black lace. The suit has sloping shoulders without



An evening coat by Marcel Rochas in moire silk tulle with cape collar, wide sleeves and dramatic back-fulness ending in a slight train.

armhole seams, neat small waist and a moulded basque which dips toward the back. The skirt is plain in front, swinging into fullness at the back. All round the jacket, collar, fronts and basque, and all round the hem of the skirt, runs the edging of coarse black lace. A black picture hat of coarse grain straw, with black shoes and bag, complete a striking colour scheme.

Black accessories are also featured with a white afternoon gown by Jacques Fath. The gown has long dolman sleeves, crowing to fit closely from elbow to wrist. The bodice, with high V neckline, moulds a small waist, contrasting with the full skirt, which is thickly pleated over the hips to give an unusual line. Black accessories include picture hat, bag, gloves and dainty cross-strapped slippers.

On a more sophisticated line is the cocktail frock in lilac ottoman silk, by Maggy Rouff, featuring the new long torso line. This model has three quarter sleeves and a long, fitted bodice terminating in the folded hip-line. A lilac-and-green hat,

washed in gauze and tied under the chin is chosen to wear with this model... and ankle strap sandals, with crossed straps like ballet shoe tapes.

Outstanding Evening Gowns

Dior contributes some of the most outstanding evening gowns. One magnificent model is in navy blue tulle with white stripes of varying widths. It has a fitted bodice, topped by a most elaborate skirt, intricately draped and bustled, which is ankle length in front and sweeps into a rustling train at the back.

Among the dinner gowns is a charming model by Carven, in navy chiffon and coarse white lace. The fitted bodice is shaped to a deep point in front, from which the skirt is shirred to mould the hips, flowing into immense fullness over a rustled petticoat.

A dramatic evening cloak by Molyneux has huge bell sleeves falling from sloping shoulders. It is made with voluminous folds and lined mostly by one of the green with a pattern in black lace. It is displayed over a gown with lime green tubular skirt and black shirred bodice, finished with an enormous green flower at the shoulder.

LONDON FASHION HINTS

Women are beginning to select the unique scarves for which the London firm of Jaconmar is becoming famous. "Family Album 1949" will probably be one of the most popular this season, for it is a tender treatment of Queen Victoria, the Prince Consort, and their children pictured in a group round a Victoria sofa; printed on silk chepe-de-chine.

The picture is framed, in the mood of the period, in a design of lace. Another lovely scarf is one called "Flower Piece," in a beautiful all-over design which is a replica of a fine old print on white crepe-de-chine or chiffon.

Lovers of gardens will probably choose a design called "Chelsea," reminiscent of the profusion of blossoms found at London's famous Chelsea Flower Show. One unusual combination features mauve and pale gold, rather burgundy and old blue with such familiar flowers as pansies, chrysanthemums and delphiniums. For women who prefer a more formal floral arrangement there is "Florentine Vase" showing four vases of bronze to turquoise artfully arranged in each corner of the square and printed on white silk crepe-de-chine.

Owing to the big advance since the end of the war in the design, style and quality of woman's leather footwear manufactured in Britain, there has been a substantial growth in the number of women's shoes bought by the overseas markets. This marks an important change, for before the war the sales of men's shoes exported to overseas markets were much larger than those of women's shoes.

This improvement in exports has encouraged the footwear manufacturers of Britain to study the varied demands of the overseas markets much more closely. In planning for future styles, therefore, manufacturers of women's shoes intend to place emphasis on the "New Look." It is believed that the sling-back open-toe type of shoe, which was introduced mainly because of the restricted supplies of materials, will lose favour, for producers in the future will be able to furnish more attractive styles of higher cut in which strapping effects and ornamental embellishments can be introduced much more freely.

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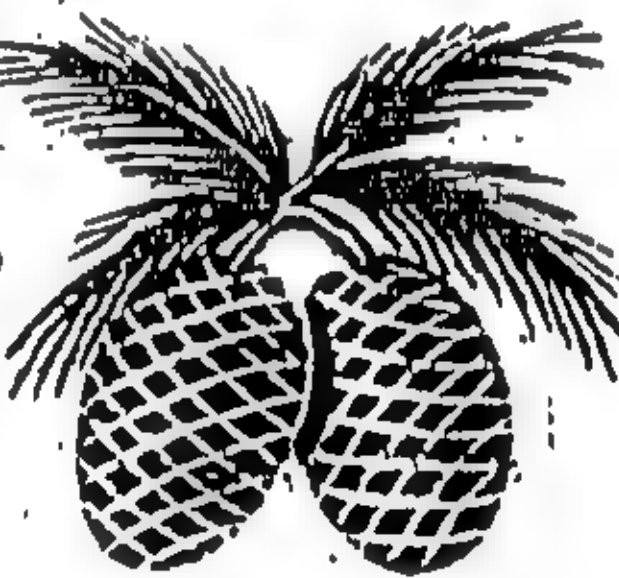
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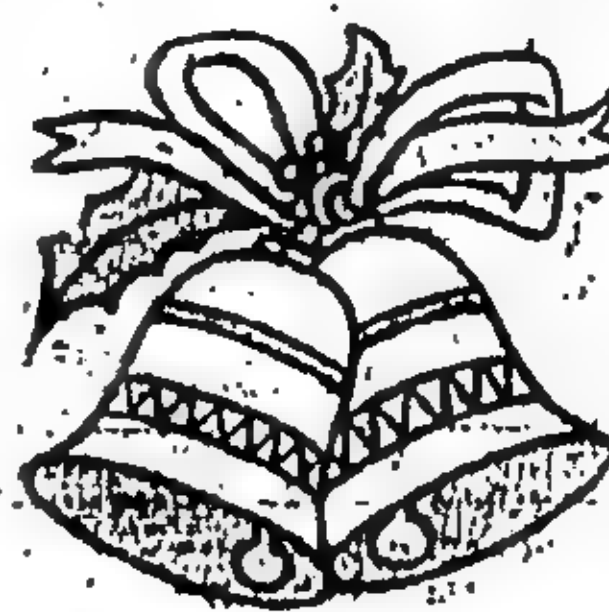
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FOREIGN DEMAND EASES

Washington, December 25.

An easing of the impact of foreign demand on the U.S. economy was reported by the Commerce Department this week. It showed up chiefly in this observation by the Department:

There was a US\$300,000,000 decline during the July-September period, as compared with the previous three months in the surplus of U.S. receipts from exports of goods and services and U.S. income from foreign investments. The U.S. receipts totalled US\$4,000,000,000, lowest quarterly total since 1946.

In New York the Christmas Eve stock market made the biggest overall advance for more than three weeks. Most gains were fractional.

Shares traded were 70,000. The rise was the first sign that a year end rally may be in the making. Gainers included United Aircraft, Phelps Dodge, Allied Chemical, and United Airlines.

Union Pacific was among the losers.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 63.59, 20 Industrials 177.42, 15 Rails 63.53.

Domestic sugar futures had the second biggest trading session since the exchange opened after the war. Heavy hedge covering was touched off by announcement that the United States would require 7,250,000 short tons next year.

Most quarters believed the quota would have to be increased.

Domestic No. 5 closed eight to 10 higher with sales of 903 contracts. March, May, July and September, all 5.24.

World sugar futures No. 4 closed quiet with no sales.

Raw sugar spot 5.60.

Puerto Rican sugar growers may incur large financial losses on the next crop, a sugar official states.

J. B. Garcia Mendez, Vice President of the Puerto Rican Sugar Producers' Association, told newsmen that several mills had a 23 per cent ton loss on the last crop.

Under new insular legislation setting unemployment insurance for sugar workers, Mr. Garcia said it will cost an additional 25 cents to produce a ton of sugar.

—Associated Press.

WALL STREET COMMENTS

New York, December 24.

Brokers are of the opinion that corporate profits margins are expected to be squeezed by higher wages and taxes and threats of price controls.

However, the present stock prices could withstand considerable declines in earnings and no more than a moderate decline in earnings is foreseen for 1949.

November retail sales were US\$11,015,000,000 as compared with \$11,558,000,000 in October and \$10,672,000,000 in November, last year, according to the Department of Commerce.—Reuter.

London, December 24. Eleventh century horseshoes, probably used by war horses, have been unearthed near England's oldest inn, The Crown, Chiddingfold, Surrey.—Reuter.

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HONG KONG.

San Francisco, December 25.
Protection of private property was promised the Chinese of besieged Peiping, Tientsin and other government cities by the Chinese Communists in a long proclamation broadcast yesterday.

The broadcast, heard here, said Communist General Lin Biao promised that all private enterprises would be "protected from encroachment", private shares in government industries would be recognized and "the lives and property of all foreign nationals will be protected."

All government officials were urged to remain on the job. They were promised that no harm would befall them unless they engaged in armed resistance, plotting or were "war criminals."

The proclamation said, "All factories, stores, banks, warehouses, railroads, postal, telegraph, telephone, electric light and water utilities and so forth, operated by the reactionary Kuomintang government will be taken over by the Democratic Government." — Associated Press.

SHIPWRECK CHRISTMAS

London, December 24.

Hopes of saving the 211-ton Norwegian steamer Bosphorus from the Halsborough Sands, near Cromer, where she was grounded on Monday, were stated today to be "fading rapidly."

The ship's position has worsened considerably in the last 24 hours. The Cromer lifeboat was standing by to take off the crew if necessary.

It would appear that the crew of 32 may have to spend Christmas either in their ship or at the shipwrecked sailors' home at Great Yarmouth.

The families of lifeboat men are wondering whether their menfolk will now have their Christmas dinner ashore or have to be content with an austere "dinner" in the lifeboat.—Reuter.

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Coalition Likely

San Diego, December 25.

Rear Admiral Samuel P. Ginder, back from a three month tour of duty in Far Eastern waters, declared yesterday that conditions in China could not be worse.

"Consequently, I believe a coalition government, acceptable to both the Nationalists and Communists, will emerge from the chaos," the Admiral said at a news conference.

"By supporting the Nationalists, we are throwing good money after bad. I say that when the Nationalists and Communists agree on a coalition government, then the US can contribute worth while help."

Admiral Ginder blamed the issuance of Gold Yuan stabilized currency for much of China's problem.

"It was the worse thing that could have possibly happened," he said. "When the G.Y. was invoked prohibiting the use of foreign money."

"The exchange in October opened at four to one for American dollars and before we left two weeks ago it had jumped to 22-1. In a word, the money's shot in China."

Admiral Ginder was relieved of command of Task Force 38 when he arrived here on Thursday. Until ordered elsewhere, he will continue as Commander of Carrier Division Two, based in San Diego.—Associated Press.

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ex-Canton: 9.25 a.m.; 11.50 a.m.; 2.25

p.m.; 4.45 p.m.

CATC ex-Chungking via Canton: 2.15

p.m.

CH ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.; ex-Singapore

via Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.

HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m.

11.40 a.m.; 2.40 p.m.; 4.40 p.m.; ex-

Shanghai: 2 p.m.; ex-Manila: 2.30

p.m.

HOAC ex-Tokyo, Iwakuni, Shanghai:

4 p.m.; ex-Singapore, Bangkok:

2 p.m.

AIR FRANCE ex-Istanbul, Hongkong:

4 p.m.

TOMORROW

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PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu,

Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.

PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu,

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HOAC ex-Singapore, Bangkok: 2 p.m.

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TUESDAY

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TJIBADANE (R.I.L.) for Amoy

LENVEHET (Jebson) for Singapore

TODAY

DONA NATI (Rama) for Atlantic Coast

ANDREW JACKSON (Wallen) for New

York

LAKE KAMLOOPS (Jardine) for Canada

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RED VICTORY IN CHINA WOULD ENDANGER P.I.

Anglo-Yugoslav Agreement

London, December 24.

It was learned in London today that negotiations for a long-term Anglo-Yugoslav trade agreement were expected to begin in about two months' time.

Britain and Yugoslavia signed in London last night a one-year trade and compensation treaty which provides for a £15,000,000 exchange of trade in each direction. The long-term negotiations will visualise a bigger flow of trade, including the supply of coarse grain by Yugoslavia to Britain.—Reuter.

RE-BIRTH OF WARSAW

Warsaw, December 25.

The war-torn city of Warsaw had made so much progress in salvaging and rebuilding what the Germans demolished that accent in the future is to be placed upon "new building."

Fires, working day and night, and often without the aid of machinery, have cleared hundreds of thousands of tons of debris and rubble from the city and rebuilt living places for the present-day population of 600,000. In 1939, a total of 1,200,000 Poles lived here.

Now says Dr. Stefan Jedrychowski, Vice-President of the Central Planning Board, the city is passing "from rebuilding to new building. Among the Warsaw investments planned for 1949 are new works representing 85.6 per cent of the total plan. Only 14.4 per cent is listed for rebuilding.

Jedrychowski told the Warsaw Reconstruction Council: "In 1949 credits for industrial building will be increased. The development of Warsaw industry, apart from economic achievements, will have a real influence upon the social face of Warsaw. Owing to this, when a great number of workers are employed, the Capital will no longer look like a city inhabited by office employees."

He said great stress is being laid upon building new homes for workers. He added that building of new office space in 1949 would be limited "to strictly necessary units."

A 100 per cent increase is planned in 1949 for the extension of Warsaw's gas works, power stations, waterworks and sewage system.—Associated Press.

Tourist Attraction

Copenhagen, December 25.

Denmark is seeking new ways of bringing "hard" currency "penders" to this country. The Tourist Associations plan to offer wealthy foreigners, preferably from the U.S., the thrill of tuna fishing under conditions termed "unsurpassed in Europe."

A spokesman for the Tourist Association said it is planned to send one of their deep sea fishing experts to America to make necessary arrangements. It is hoped that negotiations in the U.S. will result in an invasion by American ocean fishing fans next summer.

The spokesman said that conditions for tuna fishing are excellent in Danish waters.—Associated Press.

Manila, December 24.

The prospect of a Communist China as a next door neighbour has Filipino leaders worried but not afraid.

Speaker Eugenio Perez of the House of Representatives, one of those most interested in combating Communism in the Philippines summed up Filipino reaction to Red successes in China by saying that "a fire near our house is always something to worry about."

Perez told the United Press that Communist domination of China would definitely endanger the Philippines. However, he saw no reason to believe that the Communists would overrun this country.

Communist activities in the Philippines have been described by Filipino leaders as annoying more than threatening. They are on a much smaller scale than in some Asiatic countries, such as China, Burma and Malaya.

Many Filipinos fear an infiltration of Chinese Communists that might lead to a big scale Red drive to communise this infant Republic.

Skinny Leader

Perez disclosed that the No. 1 Communist in the Philippines today is a Chinese known by the alias "Migao"—the word for a rice preparation similar to spaghetti. Some here believe that Filipino communists have received financial help from North China.

Best known Communist in the Philippines is Luis M. Taruc, young, skinny leader of the Hukbalahaps. Taruc has been playing a game with the government since the end of the war.

First a successful candidate for the House of Representatives who was denied his seat because of alleged election terrorism, Taruc then became a renegade who fought government troops in the swamps and rice paddies.

In June this year he made peace with President Elpidio Quirino, who offered amnesty to Taruc and the Huks if they would lay down their arms. Taruc was then sent in the House. After a shaky peace lasting less than three months, it became apparent that the Huks had no intention of giving up their arms. Taruc fled Manila, and today he is once more fugitive with a \$15,000 price on his head.

Russians Coming?

Taruc has said that while he is a Communist himself, his peasant outlaws are not necessarily so. Government leaders believe that this is true but say the Huks could easily be swayed to Communism because they are malcontents. Many of the peasants have been told that very soon the Russians are coming.

Immigration Commissioner Engracio Fabre tells the story of a Soviet citizen who was ordered to leave the Philippines as an undesirable alien. The Russian told Fabre: "You're the boss now but when I come back, I'll be telling you what to do."

Perez and others think that the labour unions here afford a breeding ground for Communism. A few leaders of the Congress Labour Organisations, parent labour body, admit they are Communists but uniformly deny Soviet affiliation or backing. These include leaders like Marino Burgos and

More Ships Delayed

San Francisco, December 25. The Pacific Coast, which only recently ended a three months' paralysing shipping strike, had new troubles yesterday. Sailings of several ships were delayed as the result of a dispute between shipowners and APL sailors, vote on Monday to enforce wage demands.

Informed sources said the American Federation of Labour, felt the shipowners were favouring Congress of Industrial Organizations' unions to the detriment of the sailors. The CIO unions staged the recent strike.

Ships delayed in sailing were the Matson freighter Hawaiian Packer from San Francisco, and the Hawaiian Citizen and American President Lines' McKinley from San Francisco.

Meanwhile, labour troubles which tied up several ships in the Tacoma area were settled, but the port of Seattle remained tied up in that area the AFL charged their members had been beaten by the CIO as an aftermath of the recent strike.—Associated Press.

Stopping Of ECA Aid To Dutch Said "Incomplete"

Manila, December 25.

The Indonesian Republic's Trade Commissioner for South-East Asia said the United States suspension of Marshall aid shipments to Dutch Indonesia will not mean much.

The Commissioner, Dr. Saroso Wirodhardjo, urged the United States to stop ECA authorisations to the Netherlands homeland also. Otherwise, he said, dollar recovery funds will merely free guilders for continuing warfare in the Indies.

He said the Indonesians appreciate the United States action but consider it is an incomplete measure.

Earlier, Saroso told a Press conference that Communism may gain strength in Indonesia if the Dutch continue their police action and block Republican independence efforts.

He stated, "Communism will arise where there is discontent. If the Dutch continue to cause discontent in Indonesia, Communism may very well arise there."

Saroso declared the Republican Government will try to prevent this development. He said the Republic's attitude toward Communism was made clear by the suppression of the Communist uprising last autumn.—Associated Press.

ITURBI BY ITURBI

Hollywood, December 25.

Jose Iturbi will play himself in the forthcoming MGM film "Midnight Kiss", with Kathryn Grayson and Mario Lanza.

The arrangements were made here recently by transatlantic telephone between studio executives and Iturbi, who has been touring his native Spain on a concert engagement.

Iturbi, who also played himself in "Three Daring Daughters", will appear in Mexico before returning to Hollywood for the picture.—Associated Press.

KOWLOON COURT AT WORK

Contrary to plans made earlier in the week, the Kowloon Court held a short session yesterday.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr was the presiding magistrate, with Inspector J. H. Orem and Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans as prosecuting officers, Mr. L. Y. Lai as usher, and Mr. Chow as interpreter.

With the number of hawkers, both adults and juveniles, charged was an alleged armed robber, Wong Kai-ming, aged 23 and described as a travelling trader.

This accused was alleged to have robbed, while armed, Au Piu and Kan Pat at 395 Shanghai Street, first floor, on December 15, of \$400 in cash, three gold rings, two gold pendants, a gold bangle, a gold necklace, and a metal pocket-watch.

On the application of Sub-Inspector Evans, accused was remanded for three days in custody.

Peace on earth and goodwill towards men were manifest when more than 40 unlicensed hawkers who came before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday were released on bail of \$25 each.

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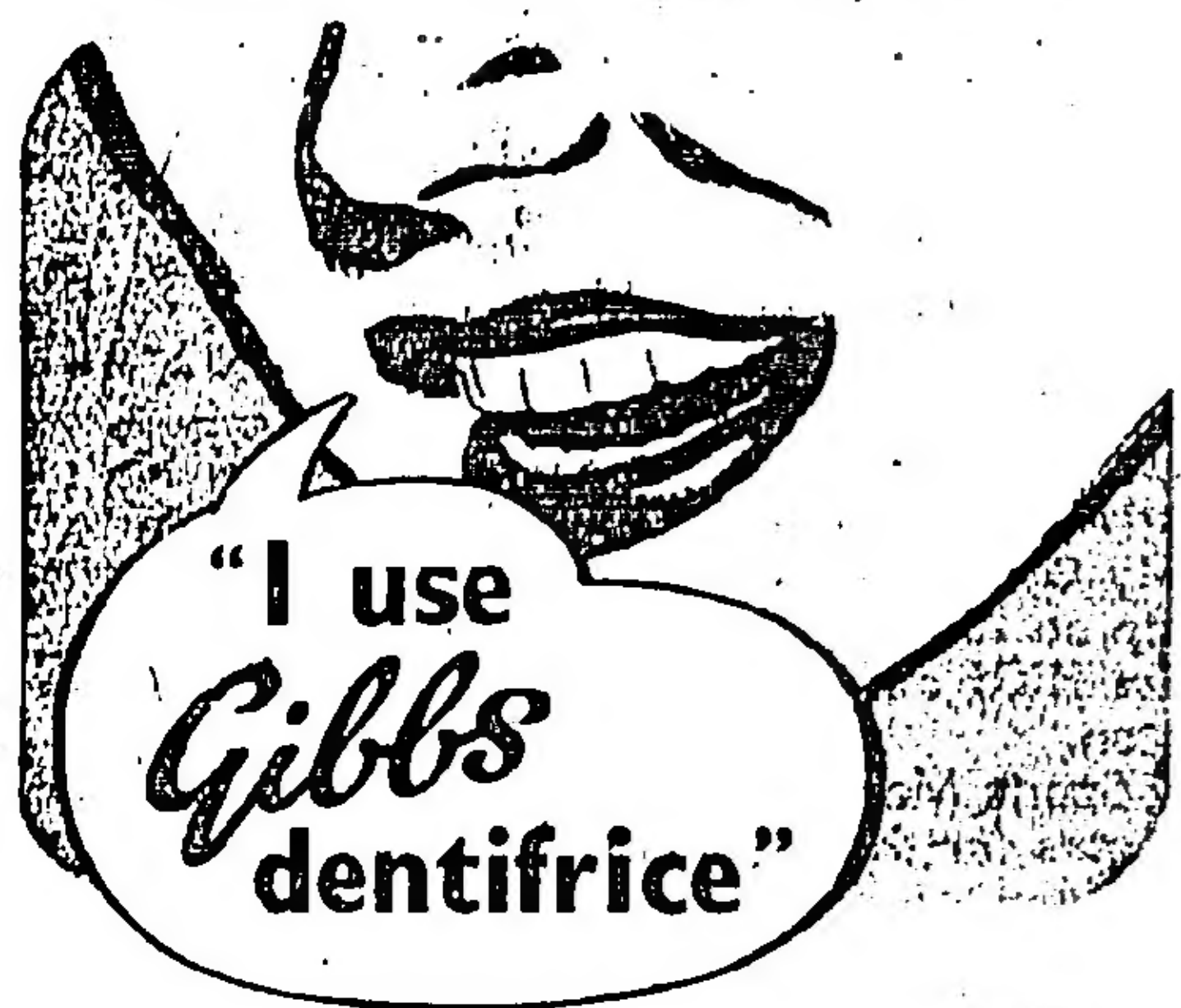
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Behind The Political Scene

ARE BRITONS VICTIMS OF A SWINDLE?

BY ALASTAIR FORBES

In a speech made to American and British officers at the War Department in Washington in 1946, Mr. Churchill found occasion to quote some lines attributed to one of the veterans of his great ancestor, the first Duke of Marlborough.

God and the soldier we adore in time of danger, not before. The danger passed and all things righted, God is forgotten and the soldier slighted.

The rhyme has been appropriate for quotation at any time in the past two years. There is nobody who can more appropriately quote it than Mr. Churchill, whom the electorate have always chosen to place in the same category, if not as the Duke, at least as a useful old sword to be called to the Colours as soon as it can be ascertained that general mobilisation can no longer be postponed.

On the morning of his 74th birthday Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, appeared to be more vigorous than at any time in the past eight years. In all parts of the country, of course, there are to be found old-age pensioners whose capacity for work puts their juniors to shame.

"I must admit," he said in the debate on the Defence Bill, "that one has a feeling of going over the same course again." He was referring to the debate in 1947 when Mr. Alexander first insisted on the 18 months' period of service which he was overruled to force to abandon in order to ap-

pease Mr. Bevin's critics in the Labour Party.

His Warnings

But he might equally well have been referring to the debates in the "thirties," when he warned of the weaknesses in our defence system at that time, and when he indicted a Tory Government for its criminal negligence.

You do not win votes by being right, alas! Mr. Baldwin proved that when he successfully boasted of being wrong. But when you have been as right as Mr. Churchill has been—and as often—your warnings deserve, even in a democracy, to be heeded.

It should clearly be understood in the country that neither Mr. Churchill nor any other Conservative speaker sought to defeat a period of 18 months' service as being the best solution of the national defence problems. There are all sorts of reasons for believing that, given Britain's peculiar economic and geographic situation, a conscript army is the least satisfactory instrument for the fulfilment of her commitments.

It was because of this that Mr. Churchill pressed the Government to build up a permanent Defence Force out of the enormous strength still under arms in

1946. The shape and cadres of the new Army could have been settled at that time, and it would have been possible also substantially to have raised the rates of pay for long-service men before the rapid advance of inflation made such an operation too dangerous save on the modest and insufficient scale recently announced.

Only The Ashes

It is quite certain that under a Churchill Administration, the new Army would have risen rapidly on the ashes, so to speak, of the old, and would have been made capable of attracting the best-trained men with war service as well as plentiful new entry.

Thanks to the bungling of Mr. Alexander and Mr. Attlee, there is nothing today but the ashes. The men have gone, and the weapons too, it seems, have been squandered; many of the latter having been allowed to fall into the hands of those who now threaten the peace and redouble the heavy commitments of our own inadequate forces. It is a tale of mismanagement worse even than anything we have come to expect from the present Administration. Mr. Churchill tried to get the Government to say just how great the mismanagement has been, and

how small was now the effective force which could be dispatched overseas at short notice.

He got no answer, but this silence told its own story. It certainly did not conceal from Russian intelligence the fact that it would be extremely difficult to scrape together as much as one brigade group, let alone a division.

Reading the sums spent during the past three years, the public may well consider themselves the victims of a colossal swindle. Fortunately it is not too late for it to be exposed without increasing the national danger.

Mr. Churchill's warnings in the "thirties," had they been heeded, might still have made adequate preparation possible, sufficient to give Germany pause, despite the fact that Germany was then more nearly ready for war than Britain today, and despite the absence at that time of the American power.

Mr. Attlee Doodles

Some have said that the 18-month Bill should have been rejected in order to force the Government to tackle seriously the question of a permanent army. But it is now far too late for such a risk to be admissible. Too much time, money, and manpower have already been wasted.

The Government has inevitably become the prisoner of its own failure to plan ahead, and conscription for a long enough period to enable conscripts to serve abroad will have to be retained for some time.

While Mr. Churchill was unfolding these grave charges, perhaps almost the gravest which he has levelled against the Socialists so far, Mr. Attlee continued to doodle away at his meticulous little patterns.

The Prime Minister did not even bother to reply. This lack of reply was left to the latest example of his misuse of man-power for defence purposes. Mr. Shinwell, this Minister is said to have made quite a good impression at the War Office, and over many fields to have shown that he has grasped the root of the matter, but he was anxious to conceal this from the House at all costs.

Sabotaging Recruiting

Indeed, he admitted that he far preferred sabotaging the recruiting drive to building up the defences of his country, for how else could one interpret his boast that he "would rather deprive myself of the honour of being the Secretary of State for War than forgo the right to tell the truth about the Tory Party in the country?"

It was for "telling the truth" about the Tory Party, not on oath but with a tinker's ease, that Mr. Attlee had to remove him from the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

One would think that his disgraceful speech would be sufficient to deprive him of office in any self-respecting Government, particularly of an office which has to administer a service almost entirely dependent for its efficiency on the conservative elements in the community.

Mr. Attlee may be able to put Mr. Shinwell on permanent loan to Mr. Morgan Phillips for his "dirty election campaign" in history when he makes certain awaited readjustments in his Administration. Nevertheless, the few sentences in Mr. Shinwell's speech which addressed themselves to the subject of Britain's defences admitted the truth of many of the charges made in the serious speeches of Mr. Churchill and other Tories like Brigadier Prior-Palmer.

WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

Sing Tao Jih Pao: Finally after a month's delay, Dr. Sun Fo managed to form a Cabinet. The formation of a Cabinet at this critical time in China, no doubt, is a hopeful sign.

Except for General Wu Te-shien, all the other members of Dr. Sun's Cabinet are former experienced administrators.

There is some talk that the new Cabinet is not a fully responsible one and will not be able to make major decisions. Obviously, there cannot always be agreement among the various ministries. But, what we wish to stress here is that the interests of the nation and the happiness of the people must in future be placed above all else.

The new Cabinet must carry out its responsibilities and refrain from abusing its powers. Bureaucracy must not be allowed to exist in the new Cabinet. On this depends the success or failure of Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet.

Law And Order

Wah Kiu Yat Po: The two new bills for the curbing of adverse political activities in schools and maintaining a high standard of education and for the organisation of Hong Kong Defence Force obviously must have general approval as the two ordinances are in the interests of Hong Kong's law and order.

The Ordinance governing the establishment of a Hong Kong Defence Force is indeed a practical one.

Enforcement of the two Ordinances will further strengthen

the existing means of preserving peace and security in the Colony.

Important Move

New Life Evening News: The proposed reorganisation of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps is a timely and important move on the part of Government irrespective of whether the object is to deal with possible disturbances on the frontier or unrest within the Colony.

In view of the activity of bandits and extortionists since liberation, we have time and again urged the formation of a force representing co-operation between the Government and the people. At present, Hong Kong is maintaining strict neutrality in regard to the civil war in China. Furthermore in the clamour for more American aid by China, Britain has adopted a "hands off" policy towards China.

It is clear that no matter what party holds power in China, Hong Kong will not incur the ill-feeling of any. Conditions around Hong Kong are changing rapidly and it is imperative that the reorganisation of the proposed force should not be delayed.

Industrialisation

Kung Sheung Man Po: We have always urged that Hong Kong should be industrialised. As we have have pointed out previously, transportation should be regarded as the sole means of maintaining the prosperity of the Colony because the opening of a new port with better transportation facilities will undoubtedly have a damaging effect on the Colony.

As the majority of the Chinese in Hong Kong were born here, they would never wish any ill-fortune to fall on their homeland. Consequently, the local population must regard the development of industries in Hong Kong as an important question.

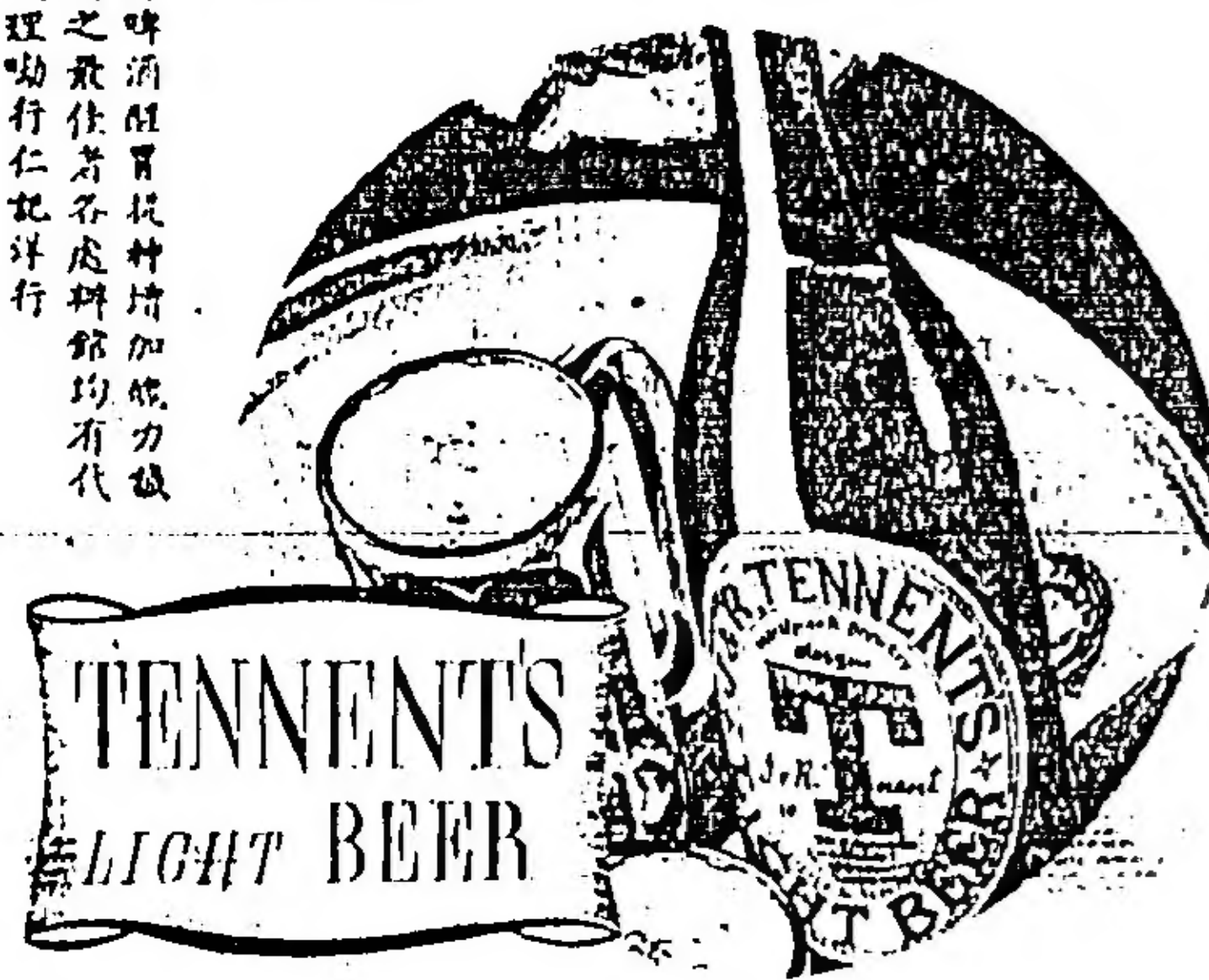
The current Hong Kong Chinese Products exhibition at Kowloon is a sign that attention is being paid to the question of industrialisation.

As raw materials for local factories must be imported it is impossible for local products to compete with foreign products because of the high cost of raw materials. Under such circumstances, Hong Kong manufacturers have no alternative but to seek cheap labour and thereby hope to reduce the cost of production.

In the past, locally manufactured goods were of poor quality. This has been largely due to the poor poor standard of local industrial experts and technicians. In order to remedy these faults, technical advice should be sought from Chinese and foreign experts.

Other suggestions include a joint appeal to the Government to exert its utmost in the direction of supplying raw materials, improving shipping facilities, and granting low interest loans to manufacturers. At the same time, the British Government should also be requested to give Empire preferential treatment to Hong Kong goods. Above all, it is hoped that Government will do its utmost to bring down the cost of living or enable factories to reduce the cost of production.

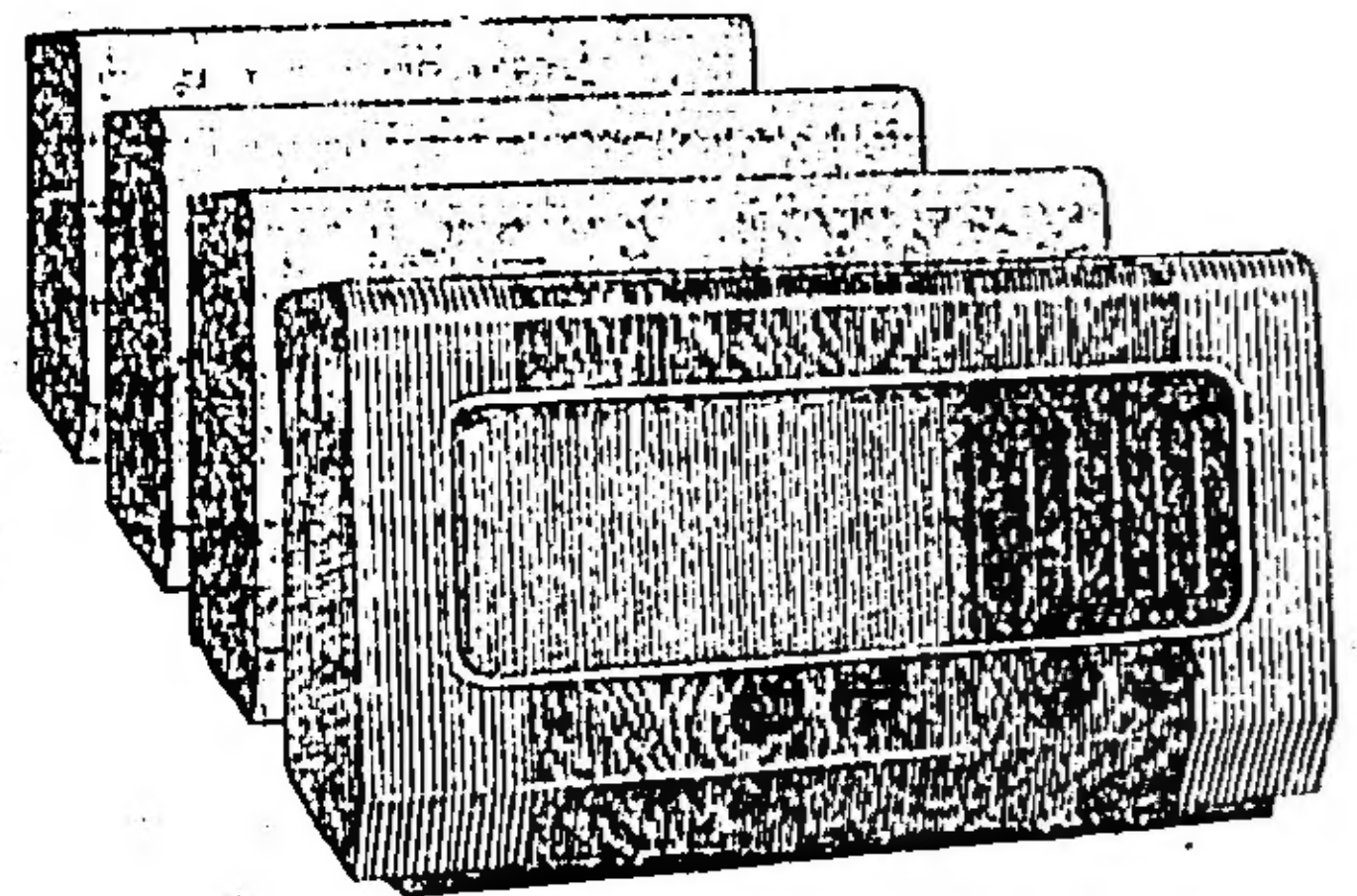
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Scotland put up a great fight against overwhelming odds and although heavily defeated, were by no means disgraced.

By virtue of their victory, China will now meet the winners of today's Portugal v England encounter, which will be played on the Club Ground at Happy Valley, in the Final Round.

Scotland's defeat was, in the main, due to the inability of their forwards to strike up an understanding.



An incident during yesterday's First Round International Charity Cup Soccer Competition between China and Scotland at Caroline Hill. ("China Mail" Photo)

Today's Soccer

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP COMPETITION
FIRST ROUND
PORTUGAL v ENGLAND
Club Ground, Happy Valley,
3.30 p.m.

FUTURE CHAMPIONS

Washington, December 25. Bernard Doccini, a Filipino from New Orleans, is listed as a logical contender for the welterweight boxing crown of Ray Robinson in the final 1948 ratings of the National Boxing Association.

Among others given the same distinction was Frankie Fernandez of Hawaii.

Max Devereaux of New Orleans was rated an outstanding boxer in the lightweight division.

Tirso del Rosario of Manila, China Rosa of Hawaii and Henry Davis of Hawaii were listed as outstanding boxers in the featherweight class.

Dado Marino of Hawaii was named logical contender for the flyweight title of Billy Mangan of Kire, and Jimmy Hogg of Australia an outstanding boxer in that class.

Outstanding boxer designations were given to Dave Sands of Australia in the middleweight division and Kue Kong-yung of Hawaii in the bantamweight division.

The association said Joe Walcott or the man who can whip him is the logical contender for the Joe Louis heavyweight title. —Associated Press.

World Title Fight

London, December 24. Arrangements are being made for a world bantamweight championship fight between the Italian champion, Guido Ferracini, and the Mexican title holder, Manuel Ortiz. It was learned today.

The Italian fight promoter, Carmine Turantino, is at present in the United States, where the discussions are taking place. The championship bout would take place after Ferracini has met Britain's O'Sullivan on February 24 in London, and has also fought the Spanish champion, Romero, at Barcelona at the end of March for the European title.

Ferracini is regarded as the outstanding contender for the world crown. —Reuter.

London, December 24. The following were the results of rugby matches played today: RUGBY UNION: Cross Keys 0, Newbridge 8, Penarth 11, Cardiff 12. —Reuter.

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VICTORS BY SEVEN GOALS



The victorious Chinese XI which beat Scotland by seven clear goals at Caroline Hill yesterday in the First Round of the International Charity Cup Soccer Competition, with the team manager, Mr. K. K. Ip. ("China Mail" Photo)

The game was very capably handled by Mr. L. G. Young.

China: Yu Yuetak, Hui Yung-sang, Tam Chue-fai, Tang Hui, Wong Lin-sing, Chang Kam-hoi, Lau Chung-sang, Li Chun-fat, Tang Yee-ki, Chiu Man-chi and Chu Wing-keung.

Scotland: Leck, Henderson, Craighead, Ritchie, Gordon, Manson, Mackenzie, Souter, Fairbairn, Manning and Anderson.

The Scottish defence gave away a corner and from the flag kick, the ball went to Lau Chung-sang who was standing in an unmarked position. Without hesitation, Lau sent in a fast rising shot which just entered the net with Leck unwatched.

This goal stung the Scottish attack into action and they immediately took up the running. A neat movement ended in Anderson sending in a beautiful shot which Yu just managed to push over the cross-bar for a corner.

The Chinese almost went further ahead when the ball was

Nippy Trio

Gordon, in the pivotal position, played a tightest game and was tireless in his efforts to get the Scottish forwards moving although he had his hands full dealing with the nippy Chinese inside trio of Li Chun-fat, Tang Yee-ki and Chiu Man-chi.

Ritchie and Manson lent Gordon invaluable assistance. Ritchie in particular played a great game and had the edge on wily Chu Wing-keung for a greater part of the game.

If there was a fault with the Scottish defence, it was the tendency of the defenders to crowd together in front of goal, thereby obstructing Leck's view. At least two goals were scored by the Chinese as a result of this falling on the part of the Scottish defence.

The Chinese players gave a sparkling display, particularly the defenders. Hui Yung-sang was in his element and delighted the Chinese supporters with the hefty clearances.

Lau Chung-sang, who usually plays in defence, was seen in action on the right wing and acquitted himself creditably. Chu Wing-keung, who went out to the left wing, gave a mediocre display and was more or less subdued by Ritchie.

Sudden Dashes

Chiu Man-chi was elusive as ever, but he found shooting a difficult problem against a fast tackling defence. Tang Yee-ki and Li Chun-fat showed up well and worried the Scottish defence with their sudden dashes down the centre.

From the kick-off, the Scottish forwards swept down the field towards the Chinese goal, but they were soon thrown back.

The ball was sent to the Chinese forwards, who immediately took up the running. They were inclined to dilly-dally, however, with the result that the Scottish defence was able to clear their lines.

The Scottish goal had a narrow escape when the Chinese were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area. A powerful shot was sent in, but Leck saved brilliantly by tipping the ball over the cross-bar for a fruitless corner.

Passing Poor

In the next minute, Leck earned all-round applause when he dived full-length to save a smashing cross shot by Lau Chung-sang.

Li Chun-fat worked his way through the Scottish defence and shot point blank, but Leck was again on the mark and saved in grand style.

The Scottish forwards broke away, but their chances of scoring were completely nullified by reason of their failure to pass the ball when it was the most logical line of action to take.

The Chinese defence was forced to concede a corner, but full advantage was not taken of the resultant corner kick.

Following a period of midfield play, the Chinese managed to break away and Lau Chung-sang came near with a hard drive which just went wide of the mark.

In the 17th minute of the game, the Chinese took the lead through Lau Chung-sang, who scored with a terrific shot from close range.

Near Miss

An attack on the Chinese goal was repulsed without much difficulty and the ball transferred to the other end of the field.

Scotland's Soccer XI which went down to China at Caroline Hill yesterday in the First Round of the International Charity Cup Soccer Competition, together with the team manager, Mr. A. McAlpine and their charming mascot. ("China Mail" Photo)

Ground Shot

Keeping up pressure, the Chinese were rewarded when Lau Chung-sang beat Leck with a fast shot to the top of the net to complete his "hat trick."

The Chinese obtained their fourth goal when Li Chun-fat managed to elude the Scottish defence and score with a ground shot to the corner of the net.

Just before half time, an exciting scramble took place in front of the Scottish goal-mouth and it seemed almost certain that it was rolling towards the right hand corner of the net, with Leck out of position.

Fine Defence

Crossing over with a lead of four clear goals, the Chinese slackened off considerably with the result that the Scottish attack enjoyed more of the ball.

The Scottish forwards were lacking in cohesion and the Chinese defence, which was playing a fine spotting game, had no difficulty in breaking up individual efforts to break through.

From a breakaway, Li Chun-fat raced through to give the Chinese their fifth goal.

The Chinese obtained their sixth goal when Li Chun-fat was brought down in the penalty area and another penalty awarded. Chu Wing-keung took the spot kick and made no mistake with a powerful shot to the right hand corner of the net.

Shortly afterwards, Li Chun-fat was again fouled in the penalty area and another penalty awarded. Chu was again entrusted with the kick and converted with a neat shot into the left hand corner of the net.

No Further Score

The Chinese dominated the exchanges towards the latter part of the second half, but were inclined to indulge in too much inter-passing of the ball and frittered away scoring chances.

Scotland continued to fight back gamely, but the final whistle came without any further goals being scored.

Crash Victims Found

Athens, December 24. Greek troops have reported finding 25 bodies in the wreckage of the Czechoslovak airliner which crashed in Southern Greece late on Tuesday night while on a Rome-Athens flight, according to a communique issued here tonight.

The dead included 11 men, seven women and seven children.

It is believed efforts will be made to recover the bodies. The Greek troops had been sent to search for the crashed plane which they found in the region South of the village of Akovo, inside the zone controlled by guerrillas. —Reuter.

BEDELL SMITH SEES MOLOTOV

Moscow, December 24. Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, the United States Ambassador to Moscow, who is leaving for the United States for "consultations" tomorrow, paid a short visit to Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, today.

He also visited Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister.

General Bedell Smith said these were not official farewell calls as he might be returning to Moscow for a few months. It has been reported that the Ambassador, who has been in ill-health for some time, might resign when he gets home. —Reuter.

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

London, December 24. The possibility of an emergency Commonwealth conference early next year to discuss the Far Eastern situation, which Whitehall quarters described as "very grave and embarrassing," was reported by the afternoon paper, Star, today.

Commonwealth relations officials told the United Press that nothing was known regarding such a conference. Officials, however, did not entirely discount the report but said that an emergency conference seems very unlikely. —United Press.

Amendments To Rules On Fouls And Misconduct

The Hong Kong Football Association has issued a circular setting forth changes in Law 12 of Laws of the Game, which relates to fouls and misconduct.

Important amendments to the Law are shown in capital letters. All the punishment paragraphs have been re-written except No. 1.

A player shall be penalised if he intentionally:—

- (a) Kicks, strikes, ATTEMPTS TO KICK OR STRIKE, or jumps at an opponent.
- (b) Trips, including throwing or attempting to throw an opponent by use of the legs, or by stooping in front of or behind him.
- (c) Handles the ball, i.e., carries, strikes or propels it with the hand or arm. (This does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area.)
- (d) Holds or pushes an opponent with his hand, or with any part of his arm.
- (e) Charges in a violent or dangerous manner or charges an opponent from behind unless the latter be obstructing.
- (f) Charges fairly, i.e., with the shoulder, when the ball is not within playing distance of the players concerned and they are definitely not attempting to play it.
- (g) Charges a goalkeeper except when he is—(1) holding the ball, or (2) obstructing an opponent, or (3) has passed outside the goal area.
- (h) When playing as goalkeeper, carries the ball, i.e., takes more than four steps while holding the ball, without bouncing it on the ground.
- (i) Joins his team after the game commences or returns to the field while the game is in progress, without reporting to the referee.
- (j) Plays in a manner considered by the referee to be dangerous, e.g., ATTEMPT TO KICK THE GOAL WHEN HELD BY THE GOALKEEPER.
- (k) Commits unsporting conduct which shall be deemed to include:—(1) Persistent infringement of the laws of the game, and (2) showing, by word or action, dissent from any decision given by the referee.

6. Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent.

7. Jumping at an opponent.

8. Charging violently etc.

9. Charging from behind.

(C) For any infringement of (g), the punishment shall be an indirect free-kick.

3. Inside or Outside the Penalty Area—For any infringement of (i) or (j), an indirect free-kick shall be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

4. For any infringement of (i) the offending player shall be cautioned and, if the game has been stopped, it shall be restarted by the referee dropping the ball at the place where the infringement occurred, but if the player commits a more important offence he shall be penalised according to that portion of the Law infringed.

5. For any infringement of (k) the offending player shall be cautioned and an indirect free-kick shall be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

A player shall be Ordered from the Field of play if he:—

1. Persists in misconduct after having received a caution.

2. Is guilty of violent conduct, i.e., using foul or abusive language, or if, in the opinion of the referee, he is guilty of serious foul play.

If a player is stopped by reason of a player being ordered from the field for an offence without a separate breach of the Law having been committed, the game shall be resumed by an indirect free-kick to be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

1. Outside the Penalty Area—For any infringement of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), a direct free-kick shall be taken by a player of the opposite team from the place where the infringement occurred.

2. Inside the Penalty Area—(a) For any infringement of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), the punishment shall be a direct free-kick to the defending team from the place where the infringement occurred. (For an infringement of (h), the punishment shall be an indirect free-kick.) (b) For any infringement of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), the punishment shall be a penalty kick. A penalty kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball, if in play, at the time an offence within the penalty area is committed, but it shall be awarded only for the following nine offences, intentional or committed by a player of the defending side within the penalty area:—

1. Handling the ball.
2. Holding an opponent.
3. Striking or attempting to strike an opponent.
4. Pushing an opponent.
5. Tripping an opponent.

HONOURS TO LINGNAM IN VARSITY SPORTS

At the Hong Kong University Gymnasium on Friday, the curtain went up on the Inter-Varsity Sports Meet between the HKU and the Lingnam University of Canton.

This is the first Inter-Varsity Sports Meet since the end of the war and honours for the day went to Lingnam.

In addition to beating the HKU at tennis by two games to one, Lingnam also won the Ping Pong and soccer tournaments by wide margins to make the day a complete success.

The following are the results of the tennis tournament: K. S. Leong and Y. K. Chung (Lingnam) beat T. Lo and S. F. Lam (HKU) 6-4, 6-3; S. K. Leong (Lingnam) beat C. H. Ip (HKU) 2-6, 2-6; K. S. Leong (Lingnam) beat D. Lo (HKU) 6-4, 6-1.

Table Tennis

The local lads were trounced to the tune of eight games to one

at table tennis. The most keenly contested game of the series was the Shum Poh-fong-Wong Chun-koh encounter, in which deuce had to be called several times before the former could emerge victor.

Detailed results are as follows: Y. K. Chung (Lingnam) beat C. K. Wong (HKU) 21-14; beat S. K. Leong (HKU) 21-18; lost to G. H. Gong (HKU) 16-21. Y. H. Woo (Lingnam) beat S. K. Leong (HKU) 21-11; beat C. H. Ip (HKU) 21-10; beat G. H. Gong (HKU) 21-14.

P. F. Shun (Lingnam) beat G. H. Gong (HKU) 21-7; beat S. K. Leong (HKU) 21-11; beat C. K. Wong (HKU) 20-20 (2-1).

Soccer

The Lingnam Soccer XI displayed sound football to beat HKU by the wide margin of 5-1. Lingnam were stronger in all departments of the game, but met with stiff opposition from the local Undergraduates, who went down fighting gamely to the end.

HKU kicked off with a slight breeze behind them and immediately took up the attack, but the visitors soon rallied and in the 10th minute, T. K. Wong scored with a rising shot which just entered the net by the right upright.

Shortly afterwards, M. S. Lee and W. Leong scored in quick succession to bring the Lingnam score up to three.

On resumption, the local team showed considerable improvement, but poor finishing at the goal-mouth prevented them from scoring.

Midway through this half, W. T. Lai put Lingnam four up with a fast grounder.

Well Placed Shot

HKU were by no means discouraged and kept on pugging away. They were rewarded for their efforts when S. B. Yau dribbled past P. T. Soo to beat the Lingnam goalkeeper with a well placed ground shot. M. S. Lee of Lingnam suffered an injury and had to leave the field.

Just before time, Lingnam obtained their fifth goal through K. C. Lam. The final whistle came with HKU pressing but unable to score.

Mr. Jose d'Almeida refereed the game and the teams lined up as follows:—

HKU: Dietrich, T. H. Leon, C. H. Ip, Y. K. Hui, W. F. Wong, C. F. Yam, Ponniah, S. L. Ma, K. C. Tsang, S. K. Cheong and S. B. Yau.

LINGNAM: C. F. Hui, P. T. Soo, K. F. Wong, C. S. Hung, S. F. Fong, K. L. Wong, W. T. Lai, T. K. Wong, W. Leong, K. C. Lau and M. S. Lee.

Saints Draw With Lingnam

A fast and interesting soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon between St. Joseph's College and the Lingnam University of Canton, ended in a draw, each side scoring three goals.

St. Joseph's were somewhat unfortunate, in being held to a draw, as they were at one time leading by three goals to two.

The equaliser for Lingnam was scored by one of St. Joseph's own defenders, who inadvertently placed the ball into his own net following a corner kick.

A. K. Iannell, one of the most promising of school-boy soccer players in the Colony, scored all three goals for the Saints.

VISITORS WIN BY ONE POINT

In a thrilling game at Caroline Hill yesterday morning, the visiting Lingnam University basketball team beat St. Joseph's College by the narrow margin of 23-22.

In an international soccer match played today, Egypt drew with Norway one goal each. —Reuter.

Ancients Beat The Children

A friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday between members of the Indian Recreation Club "Over 35" and "Under 35" resulted in a win for the "Over 35" by seven wickets.

Butting first, the "Under 35" could only muster 50 runs. A. R. Abbas top-scored with 18 runs. The only other batsmen to reach double figures were A. R. Kitchell (12) and S. H. Khan (10).

Veteran A. K. Minu was the most successful bowler for the "Over 35", capturing four wickets for two runs. M. M. A. Arcull was next best with two wickets for three.

A fine partnership between A. R. Sufaid (22) and M. M. A. Arcull (11), paved the way for a seven wicket victory by the "Over 35". I. M. Omar took three wickets for 11 runs. A. R. Kitchell also dismissed three of the "Over 35" for 20 runs.

"UNDER 35"

A. K. Iannell, at Iannell, b 12

K. N. Nasser, at Iannell, b 5

A. M. Rumjahn, at Iannell, b 16

A. R. Abbas, at Iannell, b 0

A. K. Iannell, at Iannell, b 10

A. K. Minu, at Iannell, b 10

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SPOTLIGHT ON U.K. BETTING

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuter's Sports Editor)

London, December 24.

Some new and interesting figures which show the tremendous volume of betting in Britain today were given this week by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

Their report shows that £160,000,000 was betted on football and jockey pools and on greyhound track totalisators during the fiscal year ending March 31.

It was not until January 4 that the pools' duty came into force, but between that date and March 31 the Government garnered in tax £3,700,000 which works out at about £15,000,000 a year. It may not be much compared with the tobacco duty which yielded £568,000,000, but it gives some idea of what the Government can get out of the inherent British desire to gamble if all sources of betting are taxed.

Hitherto there has been no tax on horse racing but on the assumption that the amount levied on the totalisator exceeds the greyhound wagering, and it probably exceeds it, there is to be obtained, and this is on betting on horses on the totalisator alone.

The volume betted with bookmakers far exceeds it.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, when presenting his Budget in April might well impose a horse-racing tax of some kind, but the popular belief is that he will refrain from doing so until the pool bet is taxed with re-

turn. The popular feeling in Britain is that if those who smoke and drink and buy luxury goods must pay a tax and a heavy one at that, those who indulge in the luxury of gambling should also pay especially as they stand to make unearned profits by their transactions.

And if smokers have to pay so much, bookmakers, who make their living off the "smoking" taken by backers that making money by gambling is "easy." —Reuter.